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£50,000 limit on replacement 'Isas'

### Extra tax burden for bigger savers when Peps go

**HUNDREDS** of thousands of people who have accumulated more than £50,000 in popular savings schemes could have to pay more tax after the confirmation yesterday that Peps and Tessas are to be scrapped. In its first open threat to

middle-income earners, the Government announced that its new individual savings accounts (Isas) would put a ceiling on tax-free investments so that it can offer incentives to more lower-paid savers.

But that approach brought immediate accusations that a retrospective tax was being imposed on savers who have taken our Peps and Tessas over the past ten years. Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, said: "Isas look like just another Labour raid on people's savings.

The Government wants to persuade millions more people to save, and investors building societies and even supermarkets to set up their Isas. They will be able to save un to £5,000 a year — of which El.000 can be in cash. El.000 in life insurance and any amount in shares or unit trusts - up to the maximum

holding of £50,000. Accounts appealing to the low-peid should have low charges to ensure that small contributions are not whittled away by administration costs, and there will be a prize draw

ONE option for those who

have built up a fund of up to

(200,000 in personal equity

plans over the ten years since

Peps were introduced and are

now worried about paying tax

is to place savings offshore.



Geoffrey Robinson announcing the new scheme

an exira El.OU to be added to their accounts. The 6.5 million people with Peps and Tessas will be able to transfer their funds to Isas when the new scheme comes into effect in April 1999 - although the 750,000 with more than £50,000 will have to pay tax on the surplus or find another home for it. That could particularly hit those whose home loans are backed by Peps - a repayment meththe past three years in the light

then place the remaining £150,000 in an offshore invest-

ment, perhaps in the Channel

Islands or Isle of Man. These

should be in schemes run by

life companies and known as

roll-up funds and investment

bonds which allow tax to be

deferred, maybe until retire-

ment when the investor might

every month, under which 50 of bad publicity surrounding endowment mort According to the Inland

Revenue, it has been possible to invest £82,200 in Peps and more than E9,000 in Tessas since their creation. With a booming stock market, that investment could have risen to £150,000 or even more.

The imposition of a £50,000 tax-free ceiling on those investments brought Tory accusawas betraying its pre-election

tions that the Government How to keep investments tax-free

be paying a lower rate of tax.

at Coopers & Lybrand, said

that investors who held large

sums in Peps and did not need

income from their investments

could also switch to a UK-

based unit trust which did not

pay any income, thereby avoiding income tax.

Paul Freeman, tax specialist

Replacing Peps, page 12 Robinson's fortune, page 13 Leading article, page 21

Even Labour MPs voiced surprise that the new scheme was announced by the multimillionaire Paymaster Gener-al Geoffrey Robinson, who is the beneficiary of an offshore trust. And Mr Robinson further angered the Tories by saying that those hit by the changes were "well off by most people's judgment" and that they had for the most part done extremely well out of their Peps and Tessas".

Explaining the thinking be hind the Isas, Mr Robinson said they would reach a lot of people who had not been in the habit of saving. The described the new accounts as much fairer, spread more widely and giving greater

advantage to more people". But Mr Lilley said that hard-working and hard-saying families of "prudent middle Britain" would be hit by the change, which meant that those saved most pay more tax.

Industry experts also criticised the proposed ceiling. Fidelity Investments described as a "killer" and said it would be lobbying hard to change it. Philip Warland, director general of the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds, said: The major problem is that it will falsify the reasonable expectations of quite a lot of savers who are not going to be able to transfer all their Peps and Tessas. These are not rich people. I think it gets the Isa off to a very bad start. It is clearly nowhere near as attractive as a Pep or a Tessa. This will be quite damaging to the public's perception of

Boost for insurers, page 25



### Report shocks Opera House

BY DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

MARY ALLEN, the chief executive of the Royal Opera House, was last night hurt and dismayed by a parliamentary report into its management and funding which was circulated to the principle figures yesterday. The report. produced by a committee headed by Gerald Kaufman.

will be published today.

Lord Chadlington, chairman of the Opera House, cancelled a planned visit to New York after reading his copy and said yesterday that he did not recognise its description of Miss Allen at all. He added that he was unable to comment further.

beyond saying that he would be studying the report and calling a board meeting before making "a considered

Sources close to Miss Allen said she felt dismayed that the criticisms are so personal particularly as she has been

absolutely properly and. therefore, it is a shame that Kaufman hasn't shared that

view," a friend said. The report is understood to call for her resignation, along with that of Lord Chadlington and members of the board.

It is also believed to question the company's future under the present management and to question that management's ability to handle public money.

MPs on the culture select committee launched the Opera House inquiry in July after widespread concern about its future following fears over seat prices, accessi bility, the use of £78 million of lottery money and the handling of the two-year closure of its Covent Garden site.

There was also concern at the sudden departure of its chief executive. Genista McIntosh, and the appointment of the then Secretary General of the Arts Council,

in the post for only three Miss Allen, by-passing official accusations of incompetence months. "She feels she acted interviews. Miss Allen was and laden with doom and grilled on the matter by the committee and she is expected to come under criticism for misleading them in her evidence, as well as sharing the public finances. criticism for the house's han-The house had been expect

dling of public finances. Friends said that she was particularly saddened as an earlier investigation, conducted by the lawyer Edward Walker-Arnott for the Arts Council, had shown that the process behind her appointment was entirely proper.

The Opera House management is understood to be upset at the tone of the report, which is said to be littered with

gloom. There is also under studd to be criticism of the Arts Council for failing to keep a check on the distribution of

ing the worst - having already been rold at committee hearings that the management of its finances was a "shambles" — but insiders said yesterday that those involved were taken aback by the fierceness of the criticisms. The house's El5 million Arts

Council grant could be threatened and the MPs could call on Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, to intervene.

#### Marianne Curphey writes). After putting the maximum 150,000 into an Isa, they could

Turner Prize for video artist

The £20,000 Turner Prize was won by Gillian Wearing. 34.
Ms Wearing's work includes a video entitled Sacha and Mum which shows a middle-aged woman pulling the hair of a younger woman who is dressed only in her-

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BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND MARK HENDERSON

COUNCIL taxes are expected to increase by up to 10 per cent next year under a spending package for town halls announced yesterday by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime

Labour's first local authority budget settlement for near-20 years was attacked by the Tories as another backdoor tax increase. Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Environment Secretary, told MPs Mr Prescott had opened the way for major over-inflation in-creases. The Liberal Democrats called it a betrayal of the people who voted Labour thinking that it would deliver better public services.

The deal increases by about 3.8 per cent the amount of cash

can spend. A relaxation in capping limits means that councils will be able to spend more than the government increase and raise the rest

from council tax. Writing in The Times today Mr Prescott says he has made the change not to allow irresponsibility but to enable councils to be responsive to their voters. This is not an opportunity to return to the days of spiralling local taxes. The more responsbile local councils show themselves, the easier it will be to progress to the removal of capping."

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### Prescott move to Backbench fury as benefits raise council tax for lone parents are frozen

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government fuelled the row over lone-parent benefits yesterday by announcing a freeze on payments for existing single parents.

More than 120 Labour MPs are already threatening to rebel over plans to cut payments for new claimants by Ell a week. But ministers had suggested that the 1.5 million lone parents now on benefit would be protected. Yesterday, however, Harri-

et Harman, the Social Security Secretary, infuriated Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs by announcing unexpectedly that those already on benefit would also suffer. Those now claiming social security payments will lose up to £78 a year under the decision not to uprate their

payments.

Ministers disclosed that the squeeze was partly because of the rise in inflation which has added £600 million more to the benefits bill than had been predicted in the Budget last March. The Budget Red Book had assumed inflation at 25 per cent, rather than 3.6 per cent.

Under the new proposals, lone parents will get no increase for "premiums" - the extra they are paid on child benefit, income support, housing benefit and council tax benefit. The higher rate of child benefit for lone parents will stay at £17.10, the higher rate of family premium in income support and jobseek-

benefits in line with other er's allowance stays at £15.75 and housing benefit and coun-

cil tax benefit stays at £22.05. Ms Harman published a parliamentary answer containing the new benefit upratings for all social security claimants, showing that elderly people will gain a 3.6 per cent rise in the basic state pension, which will rise by £3.60. to £103.40. a week for a married couple and by \$2.25.

to \$64.70, for a single person. It was left to Keith Bradley. one of her junior ministers, to defend in a Commons statement the decision to freeze lone-parent benefits for the third year in a row: "The money to uprate these benefits

### Two killed as sleet and snow make roads hazardous

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

WEATHER forecasters warned of further freezing conditions and snow showers across the country today after snow claimed two victims yesterday. Temperatures fell to below zero over most of the country overnight on Monday with snow in the South East and Cumbria causing hazardous conditions for drivers.

Motorists and commuters were advised to expect further problems today driver was killed after his vehicle

after widespread frost overnight with the South East worst affected. Yesterday sleet and snow, combined with plunging temperatures, led to a spate of accidents, one fatal. Kaye King. 44. a recruitment consultant, was killed near her home in Upper Ancom, near Bicester, Oxfordshire, after a sports car skidded on ice on a country road and

mounted the footpath. In the North East, blizzards led to hazardous road conditions. A lorry

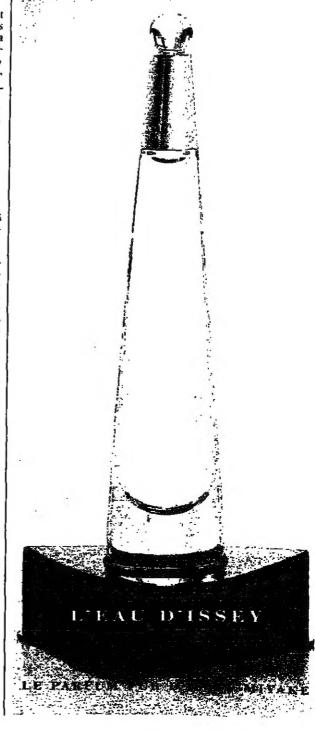
crashed and overturned on the Al at the gritter force early in the morning. Newton-on-the-Moor, near Alnwick. Northumberland. Another motorist was injured when his car crashed into the back of the upturned lorry. In Cumbria, temperatures fell to 18f

(-8C) and town centres in Keswick and Carlisle were blocked by heavy snow. A spokesman for Cumbria county council highways said that they had been forecast a clear night. We followed the weather forecast of a clear

But by that time the snow was already heavy on the ground and was freezing on top of black ice."

A number of schools were also closed because of bad weather. Bookmakers reduced the odds on a white Christmas from 7-1 to 6-1. A spokeman at the Met Office said it would remain cold but would feel milder as the week went on.

Photograph and



### Words fail as Prescott gets lost in grammatical jungle

House, on prospects for the Wild Mammals Bill (which outlaws hunting with dogs) the Liberal Democrats' David Chidgey (Eastleigh) got into a muddle and called the proposed legislation the Wild Members Bill.

He spoke truer than be knew. For what was that distant trumpeting? John Prescott was smashing his way up through the forest. brandishing in his trunk a fat

ment. Announcing (to all intents and purposes) the like-ly level of future council tax John Prescott promised MPs "a plain Eng-lish guide" to local govern-ment finance. With due respect to Mr Prescott, a plain

English guide to Mr Prescott

is even more urgently needed. It was one of the longest statements anyone in the Press Gallery can remember a minister making. It was also Prescott's civil servants must have been desperately keen that this rogue elephant of the

grammatical jungle stick to his text. He tried. Heaven knows he tried.

But an annual local government financial settlement is a thicket of verbal briars, and Mr Prescott's speechwriter had laid terrible traps for him. Journalists had the benefit of

We held our breaths as the minister approached sentences like "we expect to see a reduction in the net costs of outstanding debt," but Mr Prescott waved his trunk and crashed straight through.



Wild Member gathered speed, thundered past Stantively simple sentence "I am dard Spending Assessments, proposing to put right that took a tight corner at Elderly Residential Social Services

It was tragic that a man who could galumph his way and came stomping through Local Authority Debt, we through acres of dense gibberish like "altogether we have made extra provision of one thousand and sixty million leapt for cover as he hooted New Capital Expenditure. We could see trouble ahead: an pounds (£1.06 billion), or 5.7 per cent, to go into English exceptionally nasty little thorn

cropper on so small a piece of gorse. But Prescott became

horribly snagged.
"I am proposing to put right that right wrong!" he trumpeted. The Deputy Prime Minister sensed immediately that he had blundered, but became confused as to how. He tried to reverse out of the bush. 'For the record' he roared, 'I'm putting that wrong

For the record, he wasn't, His text said he was putting

nearly there, and much closer than putting right that right wrong. Mr Prescott disentangled himself from the paragraph and stomped off into Area Cost Adjustment.

This sketch left him in a spot of bother with the calculation of "a distribution of grants which would enable all authorities to prove a stan-dard level of service for a similar council tax level for a similarly valued property whatever the differences in needs and resources." The underlined in advance for

At one point, a little sadly I thought, and close to the end. Mr Prescott declared "Madam Speaker, we remain com-mitted to the ending of crude and universal capping." For the Government to end crude and universal capping seemed to some of us a terrible waste of this noble beast's capacities.

Crude and universal cap-ping — indeed crude and universal anything - sounds just what Mr Prescon would be best at.

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Wakeham

steps up

campaign

on privacy Lord Wakeham will step up the campaign today against the Lord Chancellor's handling of legislation on press privacy by warning that ordi-

### Mental patients being held in hospital illegally

A LARGE number of mentally to a Court of Appeal judgment

In a landmark ruling, which will have financial consequences for the National Health Service, the judges said that even people who are unable to decide whether they want to be treated in an institution cannot be held in them unless they are first legally declared insane.

Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, and two other judges ruled unanimously that an autistic man, referred to as patient H, should not have been detained on an "informai" basis in Bournewood Hospital, at Chertsey, Surrey. since July after becoming distressed at a day centre.

A couple who had taken in H as one of their family under the care in the community programme have been bat tling ever since to be allowed

Lord Woolf, sitting with Lord Justice Phillips and Lord Justice Chadwick, unanimously agreed that the Bournewood Community and Mental Health Trust had misinterpreted the law. They said they were "troubled" that the Trust was not alone in getting the law wrong. "Apparently

there could be many patients. especially those suffering from dementia, who are in the same position as H," they said in a

joint 26-page judgment.
They did not agree with authoritative mental health textbooks which back informal admissions. "The current practice cannot justify a disregard of the Mental Health Act," the judgment said.

Leave to appeal was granted after John Grace, QC, for the Trust, said the judgment contained "serious public re-source implications".

been a long-term hospital patient for most of his life until March, 1994, when he went to live with a Mrs and Mrs E, who regarded him as one of the family. In July, while on a visit to a day-care centre, he had the sort of "tantrum" his carers used to control without hospital help. Because they could not be contacted, H was taken to hospital where he remained as an informal patient. Mr and Mrs E chailenged the legality of his detention but the Trust said he had "simply not chosen to leave". The Trust also argued that it could rely on the common law "doctrine of necessity" to justify giving H treatment in accordance with

his own best interests. The

judges ruled H was wrongly detained and overturned a High Court ruling that he had been "free to leave" the hospial. The judges said H was not able to consent to treatment and it was plain that had he attempted to leave, "those in charge of him would not have

permitted him to do so".

The judgment said: The Trust has admitted H and is detaining him for treatment for mental disorder without his consent and without the formalities required under the Mental Health Act. It follows The judgment said H had that they have acted, and are acting, unlawfully."

Mrs E welcomed an indication from the Trust that H might be allowed to return home later this week but she was angry over his treatment When she was allowed to visit him for the first time on November 2: "I was shocked and didn't recognise him. He looked so tired and haggard and absolutely desperate."

Mrs Carol Pearson, chief executive of the Trust, said: We will now have to consider the position of the vast majority of people with a learning disability and many others with mental illness who are unable to express consent and for whom we have been providing care as informal in-



By Dalya Alberge

AN artist whose oeuvre includes a video of a middle aged woman pulling the hair of a younger woman dressed only in her underwear last night won the £20,000 Turner

The prize was presented to Gillian Wearing, 34, by Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, at the Tate Gallery. She beat three other female artists. among them the supposed favourite, Cornelia Parker, whose work has involved gathering balls of fluff into a case and dangling bits of

### Moving pictures take Turner Prize

silver cutlery from the White

Cliffs of Dover.

Ms Wearing's video of Sacha and Mum was singled out by the Tate as particularly werful" and "disturbing plays to a soundtrack of dialogue, incomprehensible because it is run backwards and is interpreted as a comment on the ambiguous rela-

to block

charges

THE Victoria & Albert Muse-um is attempting to block government plans to give the British Museum extra cash to

stave off the introduction of

Just days before trustees at the British Museum were resigned to a decision to

charge, The Times has learnt that the V&A has insisted that

if any more money is avail-

able, they should receive a

share. The director, Alan

Borg, has complained to Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary,

about the prospect of a £4 million offer that would keep

the British Museum going for another year while the Ken-sington museum has to charge

E5 for adults and E3 for senior

Dr Borg told Mr Smith that if the British Museum is "let off", the V&A will take "great

exception". The V&A's move has angered many. Most mu-

eum directors accept that

there is not enough cash for

very institution and the Brit-

ish Museum, with the most

important of the nation's col-

lections, is a test case: if it

charges, so will the others.

admission charges.

tionships we have with people we love. Another work that made its mark on the judges was her cinema-size videoscreen showing three rows of uniformed police officers remaining silent for an hour but increasing their slight twitching as the tape

The judges applauded "the

V&A aims | Dorrell supports

STEPHEN DORRELL the

Shadow Education Secretary, told the National Union of

Students yesterday that the

Conservatives would vote

against the phasing out of the

means-tested grant because it was a lifeline to students from

Mr Dorrell was applauded by 150 members of the Labour-

dominated NUS attendung a

seminar, even though his

stance is out of step with the

organisation's own policy. The NUS voted last year to aban-

low-income families.

student grants

By David Charter, Education correspondent

and its complexity beneath an apparently simple surface.

Ms Wearing, from Birmingham, learnt her trade at Goldsmiths' College.

The other shortlisted artists

were Christine Borland, 32, whose work features silhou-ettes of preserved skeletons of a giant and dwarf and Angela Bulloch, 31, whose creations include a giant beanbag whose largely umpleasant rumbling noises are activated by visitors standing on pres-

don grants and campaign instead against tuition fees.

Only one speaker, a mature student, accused the Tory government in which Mr Dorrell

had served of having caused a

crisis in higher education by increasing student numbers

while cutting funding. Mr. Dorrell responded: The student grant ought to be regarded as an efficient way of using

taxpayers' money to deliver a

public policy objective."

Baroness Blackstone, the

Education Minister, also re-

ceived polite applause after explaining how the Govern-ment would introduce £1,000

annual course fees. As a lecturer at the London School of Economics in 1967, the then

Tessa Blackstone shared anti-

Establishment anger when

she backed the undergraduate sit-in. Signs of rebellion were hard to find yesterday among

Yesterday Lady Blackstone told the seminar that she had

"agonised" over the introduc-

tion of fees and the abolition of

the grant, but that the Govern-

ment had had to take a

nary readers' rights are being

jeopardised. In a speech in Southamp-ton, the chairman of the Press Complaints Commission will predict the end of self-regulation of the media if the Bill which incorporates the European Convention on Human Rights into British law - is not amended to exempt the press watchdog.
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Talks on tobacco

Tessa Jowell, the Public Health Minister, said that there would be tough talks in Europe over the length of Formula One's exemption from a tobacco advertising ban. Her comments came as it emerged that ministers may agree to a limited exemption instead of a permanent ban.

Diana warning

Traders who try to cash in on the image of Diana, Princess of Wales, were warned that they will be pursued world-wide and stopped: The Memo-rial Fund is trying to register the Princess's face as a trademark to stop what a spokes-man called "tacky goods made just for greedy profit".

Police cash boost

Police are to get an extra £258 million next year, including cash to fund another 600 officers on the beat Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, said the police bill for 1998-99 will be just over £7 billion. The money for extra officers is in line with a pledge given by the previous government.

**Body returned** 

The body of Joan Turner, 53. who was killed in the Luxor massacre, is back in this country, having been sent to Switzerland in error. The body of her daughter Karina is missing. Her granddaughter Shaumah, 5, also died when. 58 tourists in Egypt died at the hands of Islamic extremists.

Fifa verdict

Fifa, soccer's world governing body, condemned the Rome police and football officials for their handling of the violence during the Italy-England World Cup game on October II. A Football Association report blamed the police for deliberate intimidation" at

battling against a stroke. The former miner, whose real name was Shirley Crabtree. once weighed 25 stones, specialised in the "splash". crashing down on top of his opponents with his stomach.

#### Wrestler dies

Former wrestling star Big Daddy died yesterday after

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### Councils told to spend on schools

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

DAVID BLUNKETT warned councillors not to ignore the people's priority of schools when they allocate the extra £1 billion freed for local government yeinerday.

Although the Government has no power to direct councils how to spend the Revenue Support Grant, it has stressed that the 5.7 per cent increase is intended for schools. Many have said services such as police, fire and community

care need some money.

Mr Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, said: "We made it absolutely clear in the Budget that this increase was for raising standards in our schools and not

made quite clear in May that this was their priority - and they will expect local authori-Mr Blunkett has written to

Dorrell: told students

all councils spelling out the Government's message, and making it clear that their spending plans will be closely monitored. He said he expected them to play their part in raising educational standards. The extra funding an-nounced by John Prescott, the

Deputy Prime Minister, brought the notional funding for education to £835 million more than the Conservatives' spending plans.

John Prescott, page 20

### RUC ends oath of service to Queen

By Martin Fletcher, Chief Ireland Correspondent

ish the Royal Ulster Constabulary's oath of service to the Queen as part of its efforts to increase Catholic recruitment to the overwhelmingly Protes-

In future new recruits will promise they will "faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Constable", which is the form of words used in Scotland, instead of swearing they will "well and truly serve" the Sovereign. The present oath has been used by the RUC, and the pre-partition Royal Irish Constabulary, since the 1836 Constabulary

Ireland Act. The change will be included in a Police Bill designed to

increase nationalist confidence in the 13,000-strong force that is just eight per cent by Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party leader who said it was "another conces-

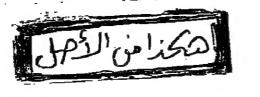
sion to the Provisional IRA". The reaction of other Unionists and the RUC itself was more muted. The change was recommended by the Northafter public consultation at follows a similiar adjust to the oath taken by members of the judiciary

Ken Maginnis, the Mister Unionist Party's security spokesman, said the change

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isuspended \*



THE THESE GATTINGAL CROSS-

### 50-year tragedy of soldier and PoW camp bride

Welsh Guardsman thought girl he married in Poland

died of tuberculosis, Simon de Bruxelles reports

THE true story of a doomed wartime romance between a young Welsh Guardsman and the beautiful Polish girl he met and married in a German prison camp made perfect material for a film. But the tragic ending of Bride of War. a Welsh-Polish co-production, has turned out to have a twist that even its author, the guardsman, could never have

For 50 years, John Elwyn Jones mourned the young Polish bride he had married secretly in the Nazi labour camp. Within hours of the wedding, the young lovers were sepaand after he escaped Mr Jones was told that his bride, Celinka, had died of tuberculosis.

However, after the film was shown on Polish television last month, Mr Jones discovered that Celinka had in fact regained consciousness in the camp mortuary, survived the war and lived until 1990 in Poland, trapped behind the Iron Curtain. According to her son from a post-war relationship. she tried without success to

Yesterday Mr Jones, now aged 75 and living in Dolgellau. North Wales, was too distressed to talk about the

dent production company that made the film. plans to rewrite the ending before it is released in British cinemas next year. Peter Edwards, the director, said yesterday: "It is heart-breaking, For 50 years John believed Celinka was dead, and now it is too late. The documents produced by her

that she survived. He is a man of few words writing the film he said,

son this week leave no doubt

**6** The documents produced by her son leave no doubt that she survived ?

What's the point? What good would it do now? John is a remarkable man, a bero. But he has put that part of his extraordinary life behind him and does not want to discuss

Mr Jones joined the Welsh Guards at the age of 18 in 1939. weeks before war broke out, and his regiment was sent to France. Within months he was captured in the retreat to Dunkirk and sent to a German prisoner-of-war camp in Poland. The young soldier time being recaptured. Celinka, a dark-haired Polish girl, was 17 when Germany invaded her homeland and was imprisoned for slapping a Nazi soldier in the face.

The couple met in the squalid and horrific surroundings of a labour camp at Bedzin in Poland in 1943, and fell in love. Night after night Mr Jones would scale the fence to see his sweetheart in her billet outside, smuggling himself back

into the camp at dawn. They "married" in a Christmas Eve, 1943, with a girlfriend of Celinka's standing in as the priest. Within hours John and Celinka - her real name was Celin Maria Grygiel

- were separated by a spiteful German guard

and never set eyes on each other again. Mr Edwards said: "John was moved to another camp 300 miles away, from where he escaped and joined up with the Polish Freedom Fighters. Celinka was already ill with tuberculosis. When she collapsed soon after the wedding the camp doctors declared her clinically

"Word reached John that his wife was still at Bedzin and he made another journey across Poland to find her. He was captured and sent back to



The prison camp wedding scene in the film Bride of War, with Huw Garmon and Anna Wojciklewkz playing John Jones and Celinka

she had perished."

According to her son. Celinka regained consciousness in the prison camp mortuary. She recovered and was still alive when Allied troops liberated the camp in 1945. Never suspecting his first love was still living. Mr Jones married twice more and now lives with his third wife in Dolgellau. He has two childen by his second marriage.

Given his resilience, resourcefulness and skill with languages, Mr Jones was picked to work for British Intelligence as a Nazi hunter in post-war Germany, and later for the Special Branch in

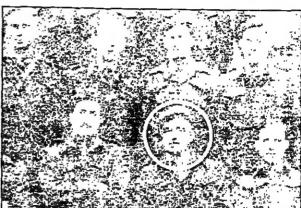
Celinka never wanted to marry again, although she had a son. Edward, in 1950. Despite trying, she was never able to contact Mr Jones and died in 1990, aged 69. She is buried in a cemetery at asczoi in Poland.

Mr Jones turned the story of his wartime romance into a book called At The Fifth Attempt, on which the film is based. Mr Edwards said: "Until a few days ago we had no idea how the story really ended. The film ends with

John standing on a hillside in

"What must it have been like for Celinka, trapped in a small Polish town under Conmunist rule through the Cold War? How could she even begin to trace a former British

"It seems she, too, closed off that part of her life. She never married but she had a son in 1950, Edward Piwkowski, who is now a truck driver living in Benjin in Poland. We will change the film to reflect the truth, but John wants nothing



A wartime photograph of Mr Jones, circled

#### Prosecutors urge judge to send Louise Woodward back to jail she appeared as a dowdy nanny on



FROM JAMES BONE

PROSECUTORS will today urge a Boston judge to send the British au pair Louise Woodward back to prison before Christmas.

The district attorney's office wants Judge Ruth Abrams of the Supreme Judicial Court in Massadecision to reduce Miss Woodward's conviction from murder to manslaughter, and return her to motion will not settle the prosecu-

That the judge acted like a second jury is evident not only by his adoption of a uniquely peculiar view of the evidence, but also by his conduct and statements throughout the proceedings," the prosecutors argued in court papers. His conduct "revealed that he had a personal

Judge Abrams's ruling on the

their children Lois, 13, and

Victoria, 16, when they heard

the news on the radio. She

said: Ray is guilty of two things, firstly being an excel-

lent police officer and secondly

working far too hard.
"I feel someone has got to stand up for Ray. They have thrown this slur at him and

then gagged him - it is disgraceful.
Over the years I have accepted that being a policeman is not a job to Ray, it is a

vocation. There have been

many times I have wished Ray

could work 9 to 5 like a lot of

other policemen do, but Ray is

not like that and there is no point trying to change him.

Ray has spent his working life

determined to clear the crimi-

nals from the streets and now

the force has turned round

and tried to insinuate he is just

What is so annoying is that

tors' appeal against Judge Hiller B. Zobel's decision to overturn the jury verdict of second-degree murder and free Miss Woodward with "time served" of 279 days. Nor will the ruling determine Miss Woodward's own appeal, which has yet to be filed, against her manslaughter conviction.

The hearing could, however, Woodward's lawyers that she be given her surrendered passport and be allowed to fly home to the

Cheshire village of Elton for Christmas, with a promise to return for future hearings. Since her release last month, the teenager has been living with a member of her legal team in the Boston suburb of Marblehead. She is not expected to attend today's hearing.

Sources at the Supreme Judicial Court said it was unlikely that Miss passport back immediately, even though her US visa is due to expire. Her lawyers could be instructed to contact US immigration authorities to arrange for her to remain in the country without going back to jail. If she rejects the prosecutors' request, Judge Abrams may decide to speed up the appeals process by

referring the case directly to a full seven-judge panel of the court rather than the intermediate threejudge bench, which is normally the

Miss Woodward has raised some eyebrows in Boston by getting a new haircut and new clothes since the witness stand. One local columnist warned her to avoid further shopping trips to preserve her popular support in the city. Last week, she issued a statement revealing that she had turned down

"six-figure" offers to tell her stury and denied that the au pair agency that brought her to America had any book or movie deals. "I have no intention of exploiting this trage-

### Wife praises devotion of suspended 'Robocop'

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT housing assistant, was with

THE wife of Detective Superintendent Ray Mallon, the zero-tolerance expert suspended in a corruption inquiry, said yesterday her husband was a devoted policeman who put his job before his family at Christmas and on holiday.

While Mr Mallon remained silent on the orders of Cleveland police, his wife Carole collected bouquets left at their home by sympathetic mem-bers of the public and attacked senior officers for daring to link her husband with any malpractice. The local radio station was also flooded with listeners defending the man whose tough law and order policy has earned him the nickname of Robocop. Mr Mallon was suspended

on Monday after allegations of disclosing confidential information and "activity which could be construed as criminal conduct. The suspension came as the force investigated allegations that two of Mr Mallon's men gave prisoners drugs in exchange for

Mrs Mallon said: "It's as if the devotion Ray has shown over the past 24 years amounts to nothing. He spends a minimum of 80 hours a week in the job. Yes, there are times when he places his family second but I realised years ago that is the way he is, he will never change. If Ray was a binman he would want to empty more bins than anyone

She said her husband was

so dedicated to his job the only day they sat down to eat as a family was Christmas Day and even then he was always late. Mrs Mallon said: "We don't celebrate our anniversary anymore. I know Ray will be too busy with work.

Ray spends at least 80 hours a week working and doesn't claim any overtime. He spent last Christmas Eve working and then went back in on Christmas Day. He said if those on the beat had to go in it was only right the senior officers show their faces."

She said the couple tried to go away with their two daughters for a fortnight every year. always say Ray should try and forget about work but it is pointless. We were in Lanzarote and he disappeared. I found him at a phone box - ringing Middlesbrough to find out how they were progressing in a case."

Mrs Mallon, 42, a council



Ray Mallon, who is suspended, and his wife Carole

#### **Ex-soldier** guilty of motiveless murder

By PAUL WILKINSON

A FORMER soldier was jailed for life yesterday for the mo-tiveless killing of a farmer's wife as she walked along a

quiet lane near her home. The trial failed to reveal why Derek Christian slashed the throat of Margaret Wilson, a 66-year-old grandmother, and left her to die in a pool of blood. The former Royal Engi-neer always maintained his innocence, claiming he was driving home from work at the time Mrs Wilson died.

But a jury at Leeds Crown Court took less than two hours to convict him of her murder in the East Yorkshire village of Burton Fleming in February 1995. The verdict was greeted with delight by members of Mrs Wilson's family.

On the day of her death Mrs Wilson's daughter, Heather, had dropped her off in the lane so she could walk home. Workers in nearby fields saw Christian, 33, of Driffield, attack her from behind with a knife that he had taken from his work. He then ran off.

The Army had described Christian's conduct as "exemplary on his discharge in December 1994, but checks showed he had a violent streak with convictions for assault.

Outside the court yesterday. Mrs Wilson's granddaughter. Rachael, 23, said: "The hardest part in all of this is that we know who has done it but we will never know why.



### Security tape reveals unknown raid

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A WOMAN found unconscious on the floor of her antiques and jewellery shop was told by doctors that she had suffered a brain haemorrhage. The true reason for her collapse emerged only after her son flew back from the United States to be at her redside and viewed the film from the shop's security camera. She had been

attacked and robbed. Joan Kiely, 59, remembered nothing about the incident. Four days later, her son Decian. 29, an academic who works in America, decided to check the security video from the shop's closed-circuit

television camera. Mr Kiely said he could see "a man come into the shop, get my mother's attention and then step forward and clobber her with some sort of cosh. There was no sound on the video but I could almost feel the explosive force with which he hit her.
"Then he went behind the counter and

you can see him taking various things. I was horrified. I could not believe my eyes and I had to watch it twice before I could take it in. My mother was born in that shop and it is lucky she did not die there. Mr Kiely was enjoying Thanksgiving with his American wife and her family in

New Hampshire when he was told his

mother was ill. His mother, who is divorced, was found unconscious by a watch repairer who assumed she had collapsed and hit her head against the wall and called an ambulance the police

Mrs Kiely is still recovering from her head injuries in the hospital. Police are trying to find out what was stolen. Detective Constable Jerry Rogers said: "We are still working on enhancing the video and we hope to be able to release an

The attacker is described as cleanshaven, while and of medium build, with Oxford St. Selfridges Capacy Wharf Cahot Place East Edinburgh 32 Cantle St. Glasgow I Reyal Bank Place. Dublin 39 Danson St. Heathrow Airport Terminals 1.3 and 4 - TAX FREE New York 520 Madison Asymut (Corner 53rd St) 9171-498 3882 for Catalogue

# THE HONOURABLE MEMBERS.

"Drag hunting is a viable alternative to killing wild mammals. Such a hunt can follow a pre-planned route. It can have pre-determined obstacles to cater for all riding abilities, and a variety of slow or fast paces to suit all riders. It really could be fun. It involves enjoying the British countryside, riding on horseback and following the hounds, but the difference is that no kill takes place. Some 80% of British people agree that hunting should continue, but by following a drag with no kill."

"Can we tell children that it is alright to subject them (animals) to the torment of a long, protracted chase that is a highly inefficient ritual? Can we tell them that it is alright to make a social occasion of a hunt, to have a few drinks, to make it a celebration and a major event in the social calendar? If we do, we demean ourselves as a species and a civilisation. We cannot tell other countries that their treatment of animals is barbaric."

PAUL FLYNN MP NEWPORT W

"It is argued that if we abolish hunting we will abolish jobs. If we abolish crime, we will put all the police out of work. Does anyone seriously suggest that we must preserve at all costs crime and ill health because they keep people in jobs?"

ANNE WIDDECOMBE MP MAIDSTONE AND THE WEALD

"When deer are farmed, they are subject to the same animal welfare legislation as other farmed species. The farmer cannot take it into his head to chase his stock around the field before they are sent for slaughter. The domestic pet owner cannot torture his cat or dog for entertainment. The law already interferes with personal liberty to protect other sentient beings. Deer are as sentient as any farm animal or domestic pet and they need the House's protection from the barbaric sport of hunting."

JACKIE BALLARD MP TAUNTON

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Licky Bloke!

#### THE MPs WHO VOTED FOR THE BAN

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D Drew (Stroud), J Drewn (Swindon S), A Eagle (Wallasey), M Eagle (Liverpool Garston), H Edwards (Monmouth), C Efford (Eltham), L Eliman (Liverpool Riverside), J Ennis (Barnsley E and Mexborough), ngton (Sunderland N), D Fatchett (Leeds Central), M Fisher (Stoke-on-Trent Central), J Fitzpatrick (Poplar and Canning Town), L Fitzsimons (Rochdale), C Filmt (Don Valley), P Flynn (Newport W), B Foliett (Stevenage), D Foster (Bishop Auckland), M Foster (Hastings and Rye), M Foster (Worcester), G Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley), M Fyfe (Glasgow Maryhill), G Galloway (Glasgow Kelvin), M Gapes (Ilford S), B Gardiner (Brent N), N Gerrard (Welthamstow), I Gibson (Norwich N), L Gibroy (Plymouth Sutton) N Godman (Greenock and Inverciyde), R Godsiff (Birmingham Sparkbrook and Small Heath). P Googles (Wythenshawe and Sale E), E Gordon (Romford), B Grant (Tottenham), J Criffiths (Reading E), W Criffiths (Bridgend), B Grocott (Telford), J Grogen (Selby), J Gomnell (Morley and Rothwell), P Hain (Neath), M Hail (Weaver Vale), P Hall (Bedford), F Hamilton (Leeds NE), D Hanson (Delyn), H Harman (Camberwell and Peckham), S Heaf . (Halesowen and Rowley Regis), J Healey (Wentworth), D Henderson (Newcastle upon Tyne N), I Henderson (Harwich), S Hepburn (Jarrow), J Heppell (Nottingham E), S Hesford (Wirral W), P Hewitt (Leicester W), K Hill (Streatham), D Hinchliffe (Wakefield), M Hodge (Barking), J Home Robertson (East Lothian), J Hood (Clydesdale), G Hoon (Ashfield), P Hope (Corby), K Hopkins (Luton N), A Howarth (Newport E), G Howarth (Knowsley N and Sefton E), K Howalis (Pontypridd), L Hoyle (Chorley). B Hughes (Stretford and Urmston), K Hughes (Doncaster N). J Humble (Blackpool N and Fleetwood), A Hurst (Braintree), J Hutton (Barrow and Furness), B iddon (Bolton SE), E lilisley (Barnsley Central), G Jackson (Hampstead and Highgate), H Jackson (Sheffield Hillsborough), D Jamieson (Plymouth Devonport), B Jenkins (Tarnworth), A Johnson (Hull W & Hessle), M Johnson (Welwyn Hatfield), B Jones (Alyn and Deeside), F Jones ( Newark), H Jones (Warrington N), J Jones (Wolverhampton SW), J Owen Jones (Cardiff Central), L Jones (Birmingham Selly Oak), M Jones (Clwyd S), T Jowell (Dulwich and West Norwood), & Kaufma (Manchester Gorton), S Keebie (Northampton N), A Keen (Brentford and Isleworth), R Kelly (Bolton W). F Kemp (Houghton and Washington E), J Kennedy (Liverpool Wavertree), P Khabra (Ealing Southell), D Kidney (Stafford), A King (Rugby and Kenliworth), O King (Bethnal Green and Bow), T Kingham (Gloucester), A Kumar (Middlesbrough S and Cleveland E), \$ Ladyman (Thanet S). J Lawrence (Preseli Pembrokeshire), B Laxton (Derby N), D Lepper (Brighton Pavilion), C Leslie (Shipley),

T Levitt (High Peak), I Lewis (Bury S), T Lewis (Worsley), M Linton (Battersea), K Livingstone (Brent E), D Lock (Wyre Forest), A Love (Edmonton), J McAllion (Dundee E), T McAroy (Glasgow Ruthergien), S McCabe (Birmingham Hall Green), C McCafferty (Calder Valley), I McCartney (Makerfield), S McDonagh (Mitcham and Morden), C Macdonald (Western Isles), J McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington), J McFall (Dumbarton), A McQuire (Stirling), \$ McIsaac (Cleethorpes), A Mackinlay (Thurrock), K McNamara (Hull N), T McNulty (Harrow E), D MacShaue (Rotherham), F MacTaggart (Slough), T WcWalter (Hemel Hempstead), J McWilliam (Blaydon), A Mahon (Halifax), J Mallaber (Amber Valley), J Marok (Wrexham), G Maraden (Blackpool S), P Maraden (Shrewsbury and Atcham), J Marshall (Leicester S), R Marshall-Andrews (Medway), E Martlew (Carlisle), J Maxton (Glasgow Cathcart), M Meacher (Oldham W and Royton), A Mesle (Mansfield), G Merron (Lincoln), A Michael (Cardiff S and Penarth), B Mitchle (Sheffield Heeley), A Milburn (Darlington), L Moffatt (Crawley), L Moonle (Kirkcaldy), M Moran (Luton S), J Morgan (Cardiff N), R Morgan (Cardiff W), E Morley (Scunthorpe), E Morris (Birmingham Yardley), M Mowlanu (Redcar), Q Mudio (Leeds E), C Mullin (Sunderland S), D Murphy (Wansbeck), J Murphy (Eastwood), P Murphy (Torfaen), D Naysmith (Bristol NW), D Norris (Wansdyke), M O'Brien (Warwickshire N), W O'Brien (Normanton), E O'Hara (Knowsley S), B Olner (Nuneaton), M O'Nelli (Ochil), D Organ (Forest of Dean), \$ Osborne (Ayr), N Palmet (Broxtowe), 1 Pearson (Dudley S), T Pendry (Stalybridge and Hyde), L Perham (liford N), C Pickthell (Lancashire W), P Pike (Burnley), J Plaskitt (Warwick and Learnington), K Pollard (St Albans), C Pond (Gravesham), @ Pope (Hyndburn), S Pound (Ealing N). Sir R Powell (Ogmore), B Prentice (Lewisham E), & Prentice (Pendle), D Primarolo (Bristol S), & Prosser (Dover), J Quin (Gateshead E and Washington W), L Quim (Scarborough and Whitby), G Radice (Durham N), B Ranamell (Harlow), S Rapson (Portsmouth N), N Raynaford (Greenwich and Woolwich), A Reed (Loughborough), G Robertson (Hamilton S), G Robinson (Coventry NW), B Rocke (Homsey and Wood Green), A Rogers (Rhondda), J Rooker (Birmingham Perry Barr), T Rooney (Bradford N), E Ross (Dundee W), T Rowlands (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney). F Roy (Motherwell and Wishaw), C Rusine (Vale of Clwyd), J Ruddock (Lewisham Deptford), C Ruseell (City of Chester). J Ryan (Enfield N), M Salter (Reading W), M Sarwar (Glasgow Govan), M Savidge (Aberdeen N), P Sawford (Kettering), B Sedgemore (Hackney S and Shoreditch), J Shaw (Chatham and Aylesford), erman (Huddersfield), R Sheldon (Ashton-under Lyne). D Shipley (Stourbridge), A Simpson (Nottingham S),

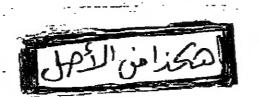
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Last Friday, Parliament acted to end over 200 years of cruelty by voting in favour of Michael Foster's Private Member's Bill to ban hunting with dogs. We thank the 411 MPs above for listening to the 73% of the population in favour of a ban (MORI). The people have spoken. Parliament has spoken. Now let's complete the democratic process and make it law.





### Cambridge high-fliers sink to quiz show low

John O'Leary on a University Challenge team who managed

to amass the least points ever

CAMBRIDGE University acquired an unwanted addition to its list of academic distinetions last night when a team of undergraduates from New Hall recorded the lowest score on University Challenge.

The all-woman foursome answered only nine questions correctly in half an hour, and at one stage registered a record-breaking low of minus 15 points after being penalised for ill-judged interruptions. Their final score of 35 points was five fewer than Birkbeck College, London, managed in the last series.

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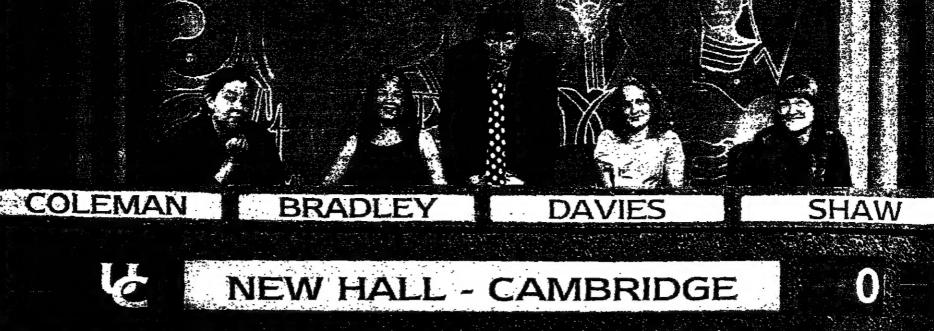
Jeremy Paxman, the question master, introduced the two teams with the promise. "More reassurance that the taxpayers' money isn't being wasted on higher education we hope." New Hall hit trouble from the outset as their opponents from Nottingham University answered every question to amass a 75-point

When the Cambridge team finally buzzed on the question. Whose autobiography is entitled Goodness had nothing to with it?" they forgot it was Mae West and slipped to minus five. Although they northed up minus ten shortly afterwards. Mr Paxman reassured them: "There's still time, New Hall."

Worse was to follow, however, before New Hall got off the mark to a loud cheer. Asked which politician entered Parliament as a Tery. before being returned as a Labour MP in 1926, and then joined the British Union of Fascists, New Hall replied: Winston Churchill instead of Sir Oswald Mosley.

Relief came with the right answer to the question: Which former ice dancer. choreographed Encounters, which is based on six-Paul Simon songs?" It was Christopher Dean.

At the halfway point, New



Jeremy Paxman with the team whose "terrible score", he said kindly, might have been down to bad luck: Rachel Coleman, Abigail Bradley, Sarah Davies and Rosie Shaw

Hall had staged a recovery of sorts with a score of zero, while Nottingham were nearing 200 points. With the end of their ordeal in sight. Mr Paxman pleaded: "Two minutes to go to salvage some

The Cambridge team buzzed on the question: Whichhouse was purchased as a 21st birthday present for the future Edward VII in 1861? To loud cheers they correctly answered: "Sandringham".

The contest ended 335 points to 35, the lowest in the programme's 27-year history, although they avoided the biggest defeat. That remains the 415 to 65 drubbing of London's Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School by the Open University earlier

As the show finished, Mr



Davies: "perhaps the

Paxman told the New Hall team: "I want to be kind to you but it really was a terrible score. I think it's the worst score since University Challenge began - in fact I'm sure You were maybe

old experimental psychology student who captained New Hall, said later: "We were obviously very disappointed at the result and afterwards in true student fashion we got well and truly drunk. We could only put our perfor-

case of stage fright. Perhaps the pressure just got to us."

350 students, is one of two women-only colleges in Cambridge. Anne Lonsdale, New prised Rachel Coleman, a natural sciences undergraduate, Abigail Bradley, who is reading chemical engineering, and Rosie Shaw, a philosophy

Hall president, said: "Losing on University Challenge is no reflection of the academic abilities of these students. The fact is they have gone on the show

"They must have had a run of bad luck."

☐ Cambridge is preparing to mark a breakthrough for women in higher education. Fifty years ago this week the university ordinances were changed to allow women to

#### WHERE NEW HALL **WENT WRONG**

Which two initials encompass the use of non-discriminatory expression, an adviser to the monarch, an electronic device for storing

New Hall: QT (correct answer. PC)

2 Anything for a Quiet Life was the title of a play by which English dramatist, written around 1620 and thought by some to be a collaboration with John Webster?

New Hall: Ben Jonson (Thomas Middleton)

3 Which politician entered Parliament as a Tory before being returned as a Labour MP in 1926 and then joining the British Union of Fascists?

New Hall: Winston Churchill (Sir Oswald Mosley) 4 Which two-word popular name is affectionately app-ited to the flag of the USA? New Hall: Uncle Sam (Old Glory)

5 Which gen s which gematones are found in deposits described as alluvial gravels, glacial titls and kimberlite pipes, but only in the latter, such as those near Kimberley in South Africa, are they found in the rock matrix in which in the rock matrix in which they were formed? New Hall: quartz (diamonds)

### Lessons from life

A NAIVE Oxford undergradunte earned a double first from the University of Life when he was deceed by two women in Soho.

Peter Grieves-Smith, for the prosecution, told Southwark Crown Court that the student. who the judge ordered could not be assued to spare him further embarrassment, was approached by a woman in March and told £20 was

After restising he had been stong, he left and met Jo Cherke, 28, and explained his

She offered to take him to offices where he could look at the books and point out the woman - if he paid £180 and sited in the same pub.

Clarke, who admitted obtaking £180 by deception, required for sex and £180 as a \_\_ and ordered to repay the £180.



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### Swiss deny owing billions in Nazi gold

London conference sees a clash

with World Jewish Congress, write

#### Michael Binyon and Adrian Lee

SWTTZERLAND clashed with Jewish leaders yesterday over claims that it still owes billions of dollars in gold stolen by

Nazi Germany. On the opening day of the three-day conference on Nazi gold, which has brought delegations from more than 40 countries to London, Thomas Borer, the chief Swiss delegate, said that such demands would jeopardise Switzerland's attempt to compensate Nazi victims and wreck attempts to work out a fair solution to the gold question. The conference is investigating what happened to an estimated \$650 million of gold looted by the Nazis which was han-dled by Swiss banks. It is trying to establish how to compensate survivors of the Holocaust and descendants of

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, proposed at the opening of the conference that the 15 claimant countries should donate the money they will receive from the Tripartite Gold Commission to an account Britain has opened at the Federal Reserve Bank in New York for victims of the Holocaust. He said Britain, as a gesture of goodwill, was giving El million. Stuart Eizenstat, the American Under-Secretary heading the US delegation, announced a million contribution (E2.4 million) and a further \$25 million over three years. Mr Borer said he could not

by Edgar Bronfman, presi-dent of the World Jewish Congress, that Switzerland still owed up to \$3 billion. He remarked tartly that Mr Bronfman had said that the conference "is not about money but justice".

Mr Borer said: "We have taken actions that no other country has taken. The media can see which country is dragging its feet and which is taking the lead. We are not afraid of the truth, not afraid of our history. We have already set up a fund."

Mr Borer also flatly rejected any proposal to reopen the

1946 Washington agreement which settled Allied claims against Switzerland over its warrime gold trade. He derided calls by Senator Alfonse D'Amato, the New York senator, for greater Swiss pay-ments. asking what would happen if every agreement going back to the Napoleonic Wars were to be renegotiated. The confrontation was the

first in a day of historical recollection and attempts to clarify the fate of looted gold. Mr Cook said the delegates are here to look for compensation for a suffering that can never be expiated". The aim was to get at the truth and set the record straight. We owe a duty to the living who survived the Holocaust and the Nazi persecution," Mr Cook said in a radio interview. British officials said that



Edwar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, and other delegates at the London conference on the fate of gold looted by the Nazis

several of the claimant countries had already promised to turn over some of their gold to the proposed fund. Yesterday Argentina and Luxembourg announced that they would contribute to the fund.

France insisted that it would make its own recompense to Holocaust victims. When it receives from Belgium and

Lixembourg some 2.2 tonnes of gold that France handed over after the war, the French Government will use the money for its own aid fund. France said this was fully in keeping with the Anglo-American proposal but a final decision would wait until the

report, currently

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finishes its work in the next few months.

The three-day conference, the brainchild of Lord Janner of Braunstone, chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust, will examine the historical data and archives on the gold transactions. The entire record will be published within three months. The 240 delegates and observers are paying their own expenses and the conference in Lancaster House will cost little to the

British taxpayer. Under the chairmanship of

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the delegates, including represen-tatives of five Jewish and one

what happened to it.
Several neutral countries that also traded with Germany, including Spain and Sweden; said they were doing everything to unearth

looted gold came from and

### spare no effort to find any Leading banks

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

'kept stolen ingots'

TWO of Germany's leading banks kept almost a tonne of gold stolen by the Nazis, according to a Holocaust researcher who has been trawiing through recently un-earthed records of the wartime

Reichsbank Both Deutsche and Dresdner banks said yesterday they were surprised by the discovery and promised to follow up the leads contained in the microfilmed documents unearthed in Vienna by Flersch Fischler. Both banks deny that they have anything in common with their wartime counterparts. Dresdner Bank - once known as the SS Bank because of its close links with the Nazis - is said to have obtained 313 kilos of gold. A bank spokesman said the in-

to historians from the Hannah Arendt Institute in Dresden who were compiling a company history. "We have asked our historians to carry out the appropriate research. We have no interest in hushing anything up." Deutsche Bank allegedly received 650 kilos of tainted gold bars from the Reichsbank. The bank said: We'll make every effort to

clear this up. German banks, together with heavy industry, contributed a great deal to Hitler's war effort. Most also profited, buying, for example, confiscated Jewish property at dis-counted prices. After the war the boards of the banks were denazified and the system was overhauled. The wartime history of the banks, however,

### Forgotten • Gypsies robbed of £80m by Nazis

unds in gold from Gypter but they became the forgottes victims of the Holocount.

victims of the Holocount, a Romany delegation is to sell the conference today.

Up to 500,000 Gypsies were killed by the Germans and their supporters during sile war and robbed of their gold which at today's prices seculd be worth £80 million.

The two-man releases in in-

The two-man delegation ied by an academic who acted as a secret intermediary between eastern and western Roma groups during the Cold Was will also point the finger at the

Donald Kenrick, a London er and the son of a Polish Jen will reveal new evidence about the gold of 28,000 Gypsies who were killed at a concentration camp in Jasenovic, now Creatia. Their gold, which would be worth more than £1 million todays was sent to the Vatican by the Ustashi, the Fascist party then running the country, it will be alleged. Catholic priests were in charge of the camp. Mr. Kenrick claimed.

Another 20,000 Gypsies died at Auschwitz, he said and their gold ended up is Swiss banks after being trad ed by the Nazis. Mr Kenrich said the Swiss had a mora duty to pay compensation There was evidence that the refused refuge to scores of Gypsies who ended up a

concentration camps.

Mr Kenrick said: "I am
here to make stare the Gypsies
are not forgotten. Many were
robbed of their possessions
and shot on the spot on arrival
at concentration camps. We would like that money back."

Gypsies, mistrustful of banks and constantly on the move across borders, sank their wealth into gold. The Romanies had their own word for the Holocaust -Porrajmos - and survivoss had never been compo After the war they were por trayed as thieves and mistits.

Many were living their final years in poverty, he said. About 20 Gypsy survivors of the Holocaust and their fau-illes lived in Britain. Throughout Europe there were up to 100,000 elderly Mr Kenrick, who holds a

doctorate in the Romani language from London Univerwill address the conference on behalf of the International Romani Union. along with Lars Demetre, a Gypsy from Poland who now

formation would be passed on remains very sensitive.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Father who shot sons gets 5 years

A former high-ranking officer in the Pakistani Army, who shot his adult sons at close range while in a deranged state, killing one and injuring the other, was jailed for five years at the Old Bailey.

Mushtaq Khan, 60, of Brighton, snapped and op-ened fire with his revolver because his sons, Sujad and Zia, ignored him as they watched television in June 1995. Sujad died but Zia survived. Khan's plea of manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility was accepted after the jury failed to reach a verdict on a murder charge.

#### Police reprimand

Four West Midlands police officers are to be disciplined after they put a man with a fractured skull in a cell overnight assuming he was drunk John O'Reilly, 63, later died in hospital in Coventry. The Police Complaints Authority said the officers failed to follow guidelines.

#### Rescued by fax

A woman working in a pizza parlour in York, who was locked in alone after a raid by armed robbers who ripped out the telephone, escaped by faxing colleagues in another branch with the message Help. I've been robbed. I'm in the office. Please call the police and fax me back."

#### Double trouble

A West Yorkshire couple both received tickets for speeding on the same stretch of road in the same car and from the same policeman. The man told the officer he was rushing home because his wife needed the car for work. Five minutes later his wife was stopped; she said she was late.

### **Drivers** warned to turn down all Christmas spirit

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

the way for tougher drinkdrive laws yesterday when it launched a £2 million Christmas campaign that urges motorists to have no alcohol at

all before driving.

The three-week advertising blitz to warn drivers that any drinking is irresponsible comes as ministers consider.

reducing the legal limit.

The slogan "Have none for the road" goes further than previous pre-Christmas campaigns, which have concentrated on the tragedies caused by drunk drivers. The new message is that any drinking increases the risk of having an accident that can cause death

or serious injury.
Baroness Hayman, the
Roads Minister, made clear the Government's hardening attitude to motorists taking to the road after drinking small amounts of alcohol. They may think that they are not at risk but if they took one of our tests they would be shocked to find that their skills are impaired even after a small amount of alcohol."

The latest advertisement will show four drivers proclaiming that they are respon-sible by having only a small amount to drink before driving. A caption says, however, that the drivers are responsible for killing, crippling, and maining thousands in drink-drive accidents."

Police say that even after two units of alcohol such as a pint of beer or two glasses of wine drivers are less able to judge speed and distance and

reaction is impaired. Young and middle-aged men are the worst offenders. Ministers have already announced plans to consult on

proposals to reduce the drink-

THE Government prepared drive limit from 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood to 50 milligrams. A pint and a half of bitter or three small glasses of wine is commonly believed to be the limit at present — 50 milligrams would equal about a pint of

> They are under pressure from Neil Kinnock, the European Union Transport Commissioner, to fall into line with countries such as France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Greece and Finland, Portugal has a limit of 40 milligrams and

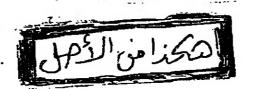
> Sweden 20 milligrams.
> Ministers insisted yesterday that the drink-drive camp did not mean they had already made up their minds to reduce the limit but they admit frustration that the manifer of deaths in alcohol-related accidents has not fallen in recent

After a huge reduction following the introduction of drink-drive campaigns, the number of deaths has steaded at about 540 a year compared with a 1979 death toll of 1,643. Initial research suggests that up to 80 lives a year could be saved by reducing the limit.

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Campaign: poster urges motorists not to drink





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Earl Spencer.

Earl faces questions from judge in Cape Town before divorce decree, Joanna Bale and Frances Gibb report

certain to be forced to give evidence today to finalise the acrimonious divorce from his wife after he agreed a settlement estimated at £2 million. The couple had hoped to

keep today's final act of their eight-year marriage private. but the earl will be required to persuade a judge in the Cape Town High Court that the marriage is over. His lawyers are hopeful that there will be no attempt to question him about his marital infidelities, and that the bitter enmity of

the past week can be forgotten. It is believed that the couple reached a settlement partly because neither relished the

prospect of taking the witness stand during the hearing to preparation for the formal confirmation of the divorce. determine whether their di-Lawyers for the countess vorce should be heard in said they believed they had emerged the victors, although South Africa or England. The earl's lawyer. Leslie Weinkove, said: "The earl will they agreed that she was relieved she would not have to testify in open court and the face the ordeal of giving divorce documents will beevidence about her alcoholism, eating disorders and marital difficulties. come public. There are no moves by us to keep it a secret, although the parties do not Maryly La Follette, the sol-

want to comment on the icitor from the London law settlement firm Charles Russell, who led As the rival teams of lawthe seven-strong legal team for yers spent yesterday finalising Countess Spencer — four Britthe terms of the secret divorce ish lawyers, three South Afrideal, an estimated £2 million can - said her client had achieved "the biggest settle-ment ever" in South Africa for of the earl's money was transferred to Countess Spencer's bank account in London in a divorcing wife.

She conceded that the settle-

ment package is well below what might have been achieved in the English courts, where the countess could have won up to E3.7 million. A decisive factor was the massive publicity surrounding the case. The whole thing has got to have been a nightmare for each of them. Both were also concerned about the children." Today will not be the end of

the legal wrangles for the earl. He faces a court claim in the new year from the husband of his former mistress, Chantal Collopy. Don Collopy, a wealthy South African busi-

millernium. Asked by one MP

whether he nearly abandoned the

dome altogether, the Minister with-

out Portfolio said: "The consider-

ation was very serious indeed. The

reason was that, while we very

firmly supported the concept, we

were worried about the manage-

ment of the company."

However, Mr Mandelson rode to

the rescue of the dome over the

summer, after a rigorous review by

the Government, because he said

that Britain would never be forgiven

if it failed to mark the millennium at

late Athorp in time for the July I opening for the public to view the resting place of his exist, Digne, Princess of Weles. His self eupointed crusade to fame the behavious of the tabloid press has been scuppered. His tainted reputation means he can no longer champion new tews to stop introston Into his private life: At least two of his former mistresses are ready to publish more revelations about their turbulent affairs and condemn his behaviour. His neighbours in ... Cape Town are scatting:

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The additional cost will affect his plans to reno-

embarrassing private correspondence and agreed a settlement before Althorp becomes one of Britain's most

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On the positive side.

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The couple agreed the di-

vorce settlement after 11 hours

of secret negotiations that

finished at midnight on Mon-

day. It is thought that the

prospect of having to de-

nounce each other publicly

and then be cross-examined

persuaded them to hammer

out the deal. Shelley Anne

their children are older.

social pariah.

her ex-husband can deny the claims of his many lucrative attractions. leave their respective homes in

woman, said he had called a halt to the proceedings for the sake of his wife and children, despite his keenness to clear his name in the witness box. She said: "He did not want to see Victoria humiliated in

DIVORCE DEAL THAT HAS COST MORE THAN MONEY

As part of the agreement, both sides have withdrawn damaging allegations made against each other in witness statements. They have also agreed to continue to share

Althorp. They live with their mother during the week and with their father at weekends. The earl will continue pay-

ing their expenses, including food, clothing, nanny and school fees. Also included in the countess's settlement is her five-bedroomed bungalow

custody of the children, Lady Kitty, six, twins Lady Eliza and Lady Katya, five, and three-year-old Louis, Viscount

Constantia suburb of Cane Town, her four-wheel drive car and private medical insurance.

She is expected to spend up to £1 million on a house in London and invest the rest of her settlement to provide an income for life. Despite the bitterness of last week, the couple now say they want to rebuild a civilised and friendly arrangement for the sake of their children.

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#### THE SPENCER FORTUNE

Financial experts believe Lord Spencer can easily raise £2 million. He has a £100 million family estate, a £6 million personal fortune and £1 million a year income. Although he claimed in court that his money is tied up in trusts and offshore accounts, one source said: "You can always loosen the strings. He can easily borrow £2 million on his various assets and easily afford the interest payments." Documents presented in court show he has liquid assets of almost E2 million, including E420,000 in bank accounts and E1,141,000 in stocks and shares. Solid assets, including Althorp Park and a box at the Albert Hall worth £275,000, add up to £4.486 million. The total Spencer family fortune is put at E98 million, including Spencer House in Central London.

thousands of acres of farmland, paintings and antiques. Plans for increasing visitors to Althorp will boost his income.

£22,000 damages for the "alienation of the affection" of his wife. He claims he and his wife divorced because of her affair with the earl. Mr Collopy's solicitor, Andrew McPherson, said: "This action

One of the countess's priorities will be to buy a house in London as a base for herself in Britain, although she and her husband are not expected to

Claircourt, the earl's spokes-

that he felt completely vindicated

because the dome would be a

"unique and inspiring opportunity"

to educate and entertain 12 million

visitors a year. He added: "It's not a tacky theme

park nor a one-year white elephant.

It's a chance for people to think

about their society, and hopefully improve it." Mr Mandelson offered

the committee a glimpse of the

dome's attractions. The most excit-

ing entertainment would be an

interactive computer game called "surfball", which he described as

Mandelson casts himself as saviour of Millennium dome 15-minute rollercoaster ride. Mr Mandelson said: "It is going to be absolutely dramatic, fantastic. I am thrilled by the progress and that is why I am a happier Minister without a Portfolio than I was six

months ago."

Mr Mandelson brushed aside a suggestion from Michael Fabricant, the Conservative MP for Lichfield, that Labour had opposed the dome in Opposition by quoting from a letter by Jack Cunningham that the

party supported the project.
The minister joked with Claire the sport of the 21st century, and a Ward, the Labour MP for Watford,

would be like the Futurescope exhibition in France, which he visited last week. Mr Mandelson said: "No. I am sorry I didn't take you. Had I known I would have taken you on the train to Poitiers."

Bob Marshall-Andrews, the new MP for Medway who was named as the Member to Watch at last week's Spectator Parliamentary awards for his relentless questioning of Mr Mandelson, said afterwards Mr Mandelson's refusal to publish interim accounts until next September could lead to a "disaster".

Mr Mandelson said he hoped the dome would last for at least as long as the Royal Festival Hall, which is still standing 46 years after the 1951 Festival of Britain, organised by his grandfather, Herbert Morrison. Mr Mandelson gave the impression his passion for the dome is partly inspired by an injustice which his

grandfather suffered: He told the committee: "Herbert Morrison left office in October 1951. The first act of the succeeding administration was to tear down most of the vestiges of the exhibi-tion. That was a shame."



BY NICHOLAS WATT

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER MANDELSON cast him-

self as the saviour of the Millenni-

um dome yesterday when he

admitted that ministers almost

scrapped the scheme after inherit-

ing ill-thought-out ideas from the

In his first appearance before a

Commons committee, Mr Mandel-

son said he was horrified when he

discovered after the election that the

organisers of the dome had a "blank



Byte, PC World, Staples, Tempo Partnership

unsafe condition".

#### Soldier crippled in fall seeks damages

BY ADAM FRESCO

A FORMER paratrooper, who was left a paraplegic after falling from an assault course scramble net, began a claim for compensation from the Ministry of Defence yester-

day. Simon Barnes was 21 when he took two friends to look at the Parachufe Regiment's state-of-the-art "Trainezium" combat training apparatus at its Aldershot HQ on May 13, 1984, the High Court heard.

As he leapt on to a vertical scramble net which was not secured either at its sides or bottom, it "billowed like a curtain in the breeze". He lost his grip and fell 15ft to the ground, suffering spinal inju-ries which left him disabled. Mr Barnes, then a territori-

al private in 10th Battalion, The Parachure Regiment, was off duty at the time. Jonathan Marks, QC, for Mr Barnes, 34, said that "the accident was caused by the

MoD's negligence in allowing the Trainezium to be kept unattended in a place to which the public had access in an Mr Barnes, of north London but originally from Malvern. Hereford and Worcester, is

claiming substantial damages. The MoD denies ages. The MoD der liability. The hearing cominues.

### Couple sue GP over failure of vasectomy

By RICHARD DUCE

THE marriage of a father of maturity. Further damages three broke down after a failed vasectomy led to the birth of unwanted twins, the High Court was told yester-

The family lives of Andrew and Louise Fulleylove were wrecked by the unexpected arrival of a new son and daughter after the couple had decided not to have any more children. They are seeking damages for the cost of bring-

ing up the twins.
The couple had planned on buying a new home with Mrs Fulleylove considering a return to work. But the pressures of coping with five children caused the marriage to collapse and the couple now live apart, the court was told. Mr and Mrs Fulleylove, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, are suing Michael Duggan who

them the operation could re-verse itself. Dr Duggan denies riegligence.
The court heard how Mr Fulleylove, 36, had a vasectomy in 1991 but the couple's sex life was ruined because his wife no longer felt safe. The couple separated in 1994. They are suing for the estimated £150,000 cost of

hringing up the twins, Nathan and Jessica, now 5, until their

carried out the £72 vasectomy.

They claim he failed to warn

are also being sought for the "anxiety and distress" caused to the couple. Mr Fulleylove has given up work as a bakery hygiene inspector to look after the twins and other children aged 11 and eight. The eldest child, 16, lives with Mrs Fulleylove, 33.

Mr Fulleylove told the court he had the vasectomy after being referred to Dr Duggan, a local GP, by a family planning clinic. "He stressed to us that it was a nonreversible operation and we had to be sure that we didn't want anymore children."

Mr Fulleylove said he was never shown explanatory diagrams of how the operation would be performed. In September that year Dr Duggan analysed a sperm sample and gave Mr Fulleylove the "all-clear" but Mr Goddard said a second test should have been made in November which would have revealed his patient was fertile once more.

Christopher Goddard, for the couple, said that the chances of a late reversal were one in 3,000 to 4,000. Had the couple been aware of that risk they would have taken further contraceptive measures until they were satisfied Mr Fulleylove was sterile. The hearing continues.

#### Historic lighthouse ... to be saved from sea

BY ADAM FRESCO

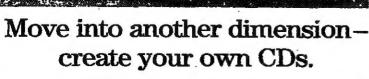
AN HISTORIC lighthouse is being lifted and pushed back 50ft from a cliff edge in a £200,000 plan to stop it falling into the sea.

The 165-year-old Belle Tout, said to be the only occupied lighthouse in the country. stands on Beachy Head near Eastbourne and boasts fire Channel views. Architects plan to have the 45ft building raised and then pushed away from the danger of coastal crosion. When built it was

100ft from the edge. The floor will be dug up and reinforced beams will replace the foundations. Hydraulic jacks will then raise it 2ft and keep the 600-tonne structure on an even keel once it has been placed on another set of beams called slide tracks.

The operation will take about six days but Mark Roberts and his wife, Louise, who live in the lighthouse, have been told their possessions can stay inside. The couple hope a Heritage Grant will help to pay for the move. Belle Tout was last used as a

lighthouse nearly 100 years ago. It was bought in the 1920s by the neurologist and author is in James Purves-Stewart. who entertained George V and Queen Mary there. It is now owned by Eastbourne council, which had it restored in 1955.



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### Astronomers see black hole explode

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A HUGE explosion from a black hole in our own galaxy has been captured by radio astronomers at Jodrell Bank as it happened. The images show two streams of blobs of ultra-hot gas rocketing outwards from the black hole at velocities of more than 90 per cent of the speed of light.

the speed of light.
The black hole lies more than 40,000 light years away on the other side of the Milky Way, in the constellation of Aquila the Eagle. Known only by its catalogue name, GRS1915, the object was discovered by an X-ray telescope on a Russian satellite in 1992. Rob

Fender, a British astronomer working at the University of Amsterdam, said: "GRS1915 is believed to consist of a black hole several times more massive than the Sun, in orbit with a normal star. Matter is heated to intense temperatures and radiates X-rays as it

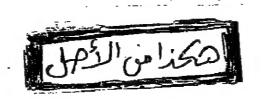
spirals in towards the black hole. "Most of it is sucked in and lost forever. The process is so violent that unpredictable explosions occur, pro-

on October 29, astronomers were alerted by the Ryle radio telescope at Cambridge that GRS1915 had flared.

The only way to see in detail was to use Merlin — the Multi-Element Radio Linked Interferometer Network — six radio telescopes across England connected to give the effect of a single dish 135 miles in diameter.

"Since GRS1915 is so far away from

us, we need an instrument with a resolution even better than the Hubble space telescope, but at radio wavelengths," Ralph Spencer from Jodrell Bank in Cheshire said. The results will help the spencer from the said the results will help the said. results will help researchers to understand what is happening in the most energetic objects in the galaxy.



### Cunningham tells 'hothead' Welsh farmers to cool it

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, RUSSELL JENKINS AND AUDREY MAGEE

JACK CUNNINGHAM told "hothead" Welsh farmers yesterday that any escalation of protests over cheap Irish imports would delay the lifting of the European Union ban on British beef.

The Agriculture Minister's warning came as a call by an Irish lorry drivers' leader for a tis-for-tat boycott by Irish shoppers of British farm prodece threatened to turn the dispute into a wider trade war.

Jimmy Quinn, head of the laish Road Hauliers' Associ-ation, said: "This is a deliberage attempt to sabotage our neat export trade, which is of hige importance to our memers. They should bring out e troops if necessary.

That might sound very

dical but in this day and age is not war with bombs and ullets, it is economic war. It is he survival of a major Irish

Dr Cunningham said further violence would not be tolerated. Farmers should not be misted by a few hotheads into thinking this kind of conduct is going to help their case," he said in an interview with The Times. "Far from helping them, it just

damages our standing in ers claimed cheap imports Europe at the very time when we are trying to build coalitions of support to get the beef

were forcing them out of

North Wales plan to gather at

the Gaerwen auction market.

about ten miles from the port.

A raucous meeting at the same venue led to Sunday's clashes.

drop in real farm incomes this

year. "It is going to be very

difficult to control the mili-

tants. Finding Tesco meat on

that boat has really triggered the whole thing off."

Leading article,

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Peter Rogers, who chaired

"Destroying other people's produce is a sure way to lose friends and influence." The protests spread early

yesterday to Fishguard, in west Wales, where 500 farmers blockaded the harbour, turning back six refrigerated lorries carrying Irish beef and lamb worth £500,000.

Tommy Murphy, a haulier from Carlow, who owns two of the six lorries, said he was angry that the police had failed to intervene to allow his drivers to continue their journeys. "You can be sure that if this was the port of Dover or the Channel Tunnel, there is no way that this protest would have lasted more than ten because few English exports go through Fishguard nobody

is particularly worried."
On Sunday night rioting farmers ambushed an Irish lorry at Holyhead port on Anglesey, North Wales, and threw tons of frozen beefburgers destined for Tesco



Annie Lindsell, who died peacefully after slipping into unconsciousness

### Motor neuron victim dies with dignity at home

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A MOTOR NEURON disease victim, who launched a High Court action to allow her GP to administer painkillers which might shorten her life, has died naturally

without needing drugs.
Annie Lindsell dropped her two-year court battle in October when her doctor, Simon Holmes, said he was willing to carry out the treatment.

Dr Holmes, who was present as she died at home, said: "She did not have the kind of treatment proposed in the legal case because she did not suffer from choking in the way she had feared. There was a reduction in her breathing ability but no pain. This has happened before and she has bounced back, but this time she slipped into unconsciousness and died peace-

fully."
Dr Holmes said that Ms Lindsell had been able to die "dignified autonomy because she knew he could help if necessary. She knew the choice was available. She

didn't want me to kill her, she wanted every last minute of life, she loved life."

By the time Ms Lindsell, 47, a former air hostess from Teddington, southwest London, dropped her legal case she was wheelchair-bound and knew she was dying from the disease, which affects the nerves in the brain and spinal cord that control

muscle movement. Her fear that she would choke to death, like many of the three people a day who die of the disease in Britain, led her to ask the High Court to allow her doctor to give her a fatal dose of painkillers.

Dr Holmes refused to administer diamorphine without clarification that the act would be lawful. He changed his mind when medical experts at the court approved the treatment.

Ms Lindsell's partner, Ron Hicks, her sister, Suzi Galbraith, and Martin Seager, her best friend, were also

### Muslim school may sue Labour

By John O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

PARENTS at a Muslim school founded by Yusuf Islam, the former pop singer Cat Stevens, threatened to sue the Covernment yesterday over a year-long delay in their application to join the state educa-

Islamia Primary School, in Brent, northwest London, is lacing serious funding difficulties and has been forced to increase its fees. The school is une of a dozen waiting to hear no indication of whether to if they can become grant-



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maintained before tomorrow's Education Bill abolishes the

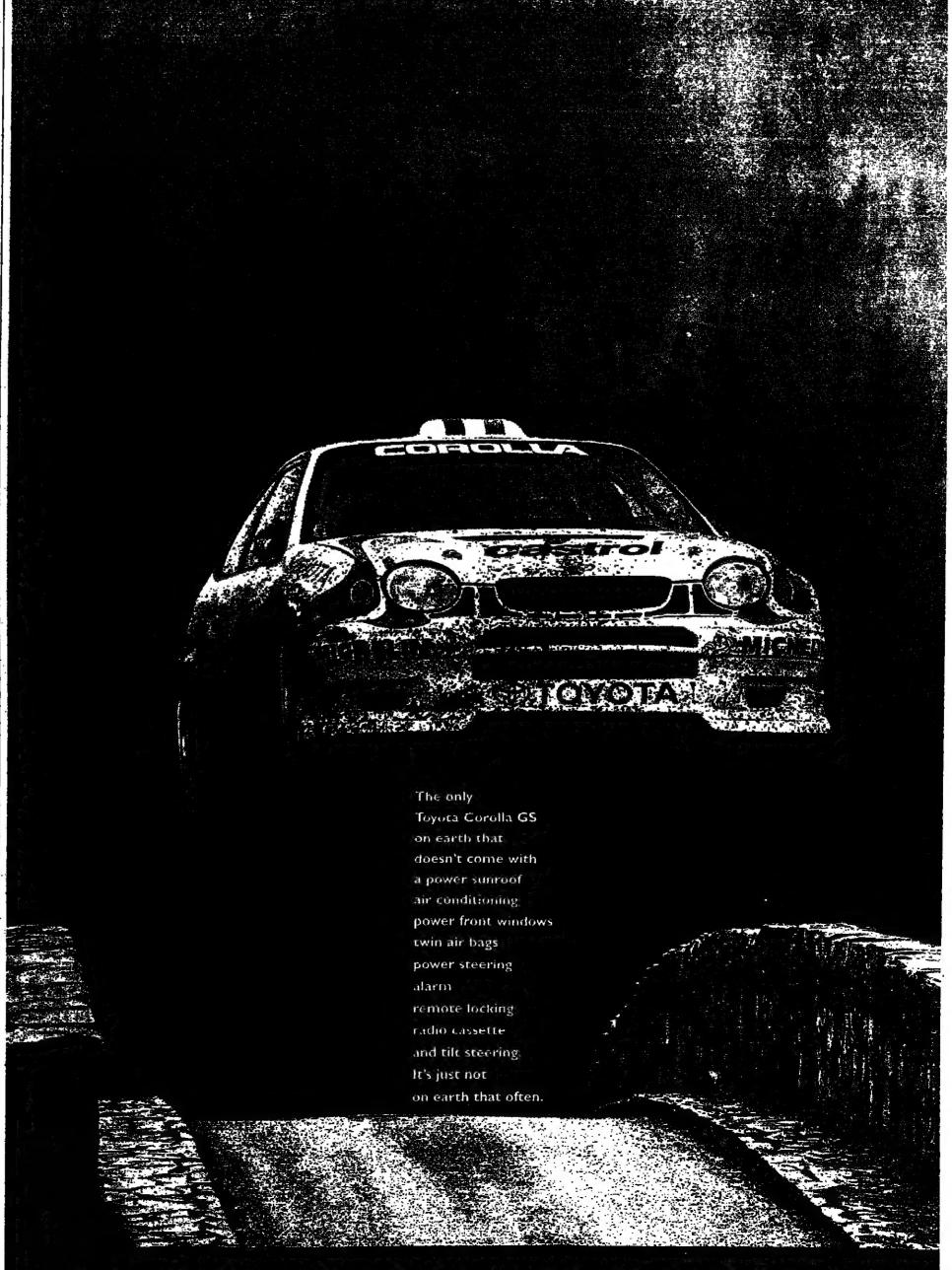
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Leaders of the Seventh Day
Adventist Church have accused ministers of using bu-resucratic procedures to block a parallel application for the John Loughborough School, in Tottenham, North London. Both schools won the backing of the Funding Agency for Schools but have been given

Yusui Islam has written to retary at the Department esent a petition to the Prime Minister in Downing Street. Half of the schools with applications pending for

expect ministerial approval.

grant-maintained status are igious foundations; two are Muslim and two Jewish. A DFEE spokesman said applications were still being considered and a statement

was expected shortly on the



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### Moscow to free drugs teenager next month

A RUSSIAN court yesterday of drug trafficking, but said that she would be freed next month after spending nearly two years in jail.

Karen Henderson, 19, wept with relief behind the cage of the courtroom in Moscow as Justice Natalia Arinkina imposed the sentence of 23 months. She was found guilty of smuggling and possessing 10lb of cocaine, allegedly found in her suitcase at Sheremetyevo airport in Moscow in



Karen Henderson as the verdict was read out

February 1996. The threejudge panel said it had taken account of her age, good behaviour, and that she had no criminal record. Her mother. Patricia. cried with joy: "I am lost for words," she said, thanking those who had fought for her daughter's

In the Russian legal system, acquittals are extremely rare and such a light sentence for drugs trafficking practically unheard of. A woman who admitted smuggling cocaine from Havana on the same flight is serving a six-year sentence at a labour camp.

However, the British teenr, who was brought up in Holland, maintained her innocence throughout the 22 months she spent in Moscow's notorious remand prisons. "Never in my knowledge did I carry any narcotics," she said in her final statement to the court. The prosecution had failed to produce any key witnesses, nor did it present vital evidence such as the falsebottomed suitcase and the

The Russian authorities had come under pressure from British officials to improve the legal procedures, and the Brit-ish press and public demanding a fairer trial. Tony Blair raised the case when he visited Moscow in October.

Henderson's lawyers are to appeal in an attempt to have her home by Christmas.



Patricia Henderson beaming as she leaves court

### City churches reborn as 'spiritual trailblazers'

Ruth Gledhill on a renaissance for the Square Mile's places of worship

PLANS to close two thirds of have been abandoned, it was disclosed yesterday. Instead, the Anglican churches in the Square Mile are to be redeveloped into "spiritual trailblazers", becoming centres of peace, church history, reli-gious education, healing and

In one church, a community of Franciscan monks is to be invited back to the City for the first time since the Reformation to run a retreat house and religious centre where workers suffering stress can go for spiritual relaxation. Others might become centres for theatre and music, public lec-tures, tourism and exhibitions. But all 39 churches will remain consecrated for regu-

While some are effectively closed, opening just cace a week for visitors, the opening hours of all are to be increased to enable the millions of workers who commute daily to the City to find spiritual sustenance just a few minutes' walk from their offices.

The initial target, drawn up by the newly formed City Churches Development Group, is to have all the ings open on a regular

The proposals, published at Katharine Cree in Leadenhall Street, represent a U-turn on the controversial recommendations of the

1994. Church leaders in London had long believed that the City's 39 churches were surplus to the requirements of a resident population of a few

It was proposed to cut the number of active churches from 36 to 12, and parishes

Although it was made clear that none would be demolished, the indications were that a conversion to secular use, such as a library, would be welcomed in some cases. There was, the commission said, no demand for 26 of the churches and they could be-come "reserve" churches. Some might be "locked up and merely maintained wind and water-tight", the report

But yesterday Canon Peter Delaney, Vicar of All Hallows by the Tower and newly installed as priest-in-charge of St Katharine's, where the City churches development group is to be based, said the

in bringing about the latest,

churches together in a power-ful new way. It has made us

think and given us a common

St Dunstan-in-the-East is attached to Canon Delaney's main church of All Hallows and already serves as a centre of healing, with reflexologists. counsellors and others practising there. But Canon Delaney believes another church needs to be set aside to redevelop the

Templeman proposals were no longer on the table. He indicated that the commission's report had proved a catalyst in uniting the dergy and laity of the City churches

"A church that is persecuted grows strong," he said. Templeman brought the He said it had not yet been

decided which church might host the religious community. But an ideal church would be St Sepulchre, Holborn, which has excellent acoustics and suitable living accommoda-tion, but is without a vicar. Open once a week, it is being kept alive by a committed volunteer team of laity.

City's religious life, in the



All Hallows by the Tower,

would have a residence out of which a small Anglican community. probably Francis-cans, would work. They would follow the monastic hours of prayers, would offer counselling and would provide a still centre of quietness in the

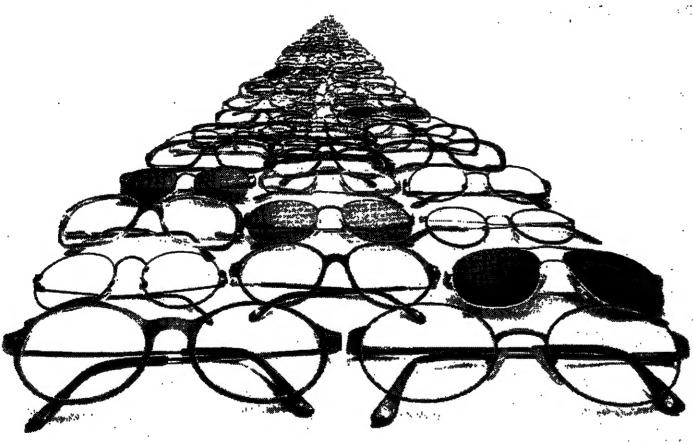
A church spokesman said the Franciscans would "almost certainly" be the first religious community in the City since the Reformation. Most Anglican orders were established in the 19th

century. Canon Delaney said: "People here work under enormous stress. They make long journeys from their home and spend most of their time in the City. They need the City churches as places of tranquil-lity and peace, and also places where they can get profession

St Ethelburga's, the City's smallest medieval church, damaged by an IRA bomb, is being restored for conversion into an ecumenical centre for

peace and reconciliation. "Saints and Sinners" pi grimage trails will be themed around historical figures such as Captain Cooke, William Penn and Samuel Pepys. Educational programmes will be developed around the national curriculum using churches such as St Bride's, Floet Street, St James Garlickhythe and St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe.

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### Coroner urges safety rethink after divers die

A CORONER yesterday called on the world's largest diver-training organisation to change its procedures after the deaths of three inexperienced scuba divers in two months. Glyn Beeson, Patrick Scanion and Claude Man drowned soon after completing courses run by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). They were

all said to have panicked. four recommendations. He diver-training bodies should: carry out regular audits of instructors; provide training manuals; encourage newly qualified students to take further lessons; and all those taking courses should be required to provide medical

certificates from GPs. His comments followed criticisms of the association by police and safety experts during inquests into the deaths at the Stoney Cove Diving Centre, near Hinckley, Leicestershire, the largest inland

diving centre in Britain. Mr Symington said he had listened carefully to police and Health and Safety Executive evidence that the cove was not to blame, and that panic and inexperience were a factor ineach case. The recommendations will be forwarded to the

told how Mr Man, 28, from Tottenham, North London, drowned after diving to 35 metres - more than three times deeper than he had ever gone before — while swim-ming with a friend on Detober 19. After diving to the deepest part of the quarry, he "bolled" while ascending, knocked out his companion's breathing apparatus, and passed out.

Inspector Stephen Hanson, expert, said Mr Man, who had only completed six previous dives and was qualified to 18 metres only, panicked in the cold, dark water at 4.5 times normal atmospheric pressure.

He had "concerns" about Mr Man's training at the PADI-licensed Adventure Divers Centre in Enfield. North London, in July this year. Two of his four qualifying dives had only been to three metres instead of the required five metres.

At earlier inquests the coro-ner-heard that Mr Beeson, 48, from Cannock, Staffordshire, and Mr Scanlon, 37, from Leicester, both panicked and drowned after making similar safety mistakes. Like Mr Man they were PADI-trained but had dived deeper than advised on their courses. None of the three trained at Stoney Cove.

### Mr Symington recorded verdicts of accidental death on BUTTERNIER

#### Soldier is jailed for Cyprus burglaries

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN LARNACA-

A BRITISH soldier serving in Cyprus was sent to prison for six months yesterday after pleading guilty to a series of burglaries. Keith Hollywood, of the 1st Battalion, the King's Regiment, was caught when police traced a 42-minute phone call he had made to a friend in England from a

restaurant he was burgling. Hollywood, 23, admitted four burglaries in 80 days heard that his accomplice in the spate of thefts from pubs and restaurants, which mainly involved electrical goods worth a total of several thouwithout leave from the Army

and had fled Cyprus. The judge accepted that Hollywood had become a heavy drinker as a result of family problems but said the offence warranted a prison sentence, even though that meant an automatic discharge from the Army.

In the same court in Larnaca, two other privates from the same battalion were each fined £850 after they admitted causing more than £2,700 damage to a luxury hotel while drunk. The judge said he did not jail Carl Towns, from Liverpool, and Philip Hughes, from Manchester, both 19, because he did not want to ruin their

out leave since early October from the 800-strong battalion, which is currently on military exercises in Kuwait, and face disciplinary action from the

Army. Hollywood will serve his sentence in the island's only holds three Royal Green Jackets who were sentenced to life for sexually assaulting and killing Louise Jensen, a Danish tour guide, three years ago.

### Pupils get a head start with shampoo remedy for asthma

FIVE schoolgirls won a £2,000 prize yesterday for research which shows that using anti-dandruff shambelps asthmatics to

breathe more easily.
Their findings have prompted the National Heart and Lung Institute to recommend that asthma sufferers switch to anti-dan-

The girls, aged 12 and 13, belong to a lunchtime science club at Cavendish School in Eastbourne, East carry out hairwashing tests after reading a report in

paediatrics department of a Brazilian university. This showed that skin flakes on children's scalps gave ref-uge to dust mites that can trigger allergic responses and asthma attacks

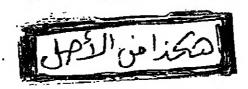
The team recruited 25 related problems. The children washed their hair with normal shampoo for two weeks and with the antidandruff shampoo for another two weeks. Each morning and evening they were tested with a peak-flow which monitors

breathing capacity.

the anti-dandruff shampoo. asthmatic symptoms were reduced as breathing capacity rose by 10 per cent Last year the Health

Matters award, presented by SmithKline also went to a school re fects 7.5 per cent of children aged 5 to 15. Pupils from Stronsay Secondary School on Orkney had inves the high incidence of the illness on the island.

Apart from the £2,000 award for their school, the children have won £500 for



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### Saver's guide to replacement for Pep and Tessa

Everyone will be able to save a total of £5,000 a year in an ISA, up to a maximum contribution limit of £50,000 in the new account. All the income earned on the account and all capital gains will be free from tax. At the moment, individuals can save up to £9.000 year in a Peps, plus a total of £9,000 over a five year period in a Tax Exempt Special Savings Account. ISAs will become available from April 1999. The £5,000 a year can be invested in a mixture of cash. stocks and shares, and life insurance products such as endowment savings contracts. By offering this product, the Government hopes to encourage the savings habit among the lower paid.

☐ How will the ISA work? ISAs will be offered by banks. building societies, life insurance companies, and investment management companies in fact all the organisations that at present offer Peps and Tessas. The Government is also hoping to encourage organisations that have greater access to the low paid to offer ISAs, this would include supermarkets and credit unions. Savers will be able to take out one ISA a year. As with Peps

■ The Government announced its plans vesterday for tax-free individual savings accounts (ISAs), replacing tax-exempt special savings accounts (Tessas) and personal equity plans (Peps). Caroline Merrell explains how the new scheme will work

they will be able to change ISA providers each year. They will able to invest a maximum of E1,000 in cash or National Savings, and a maximum of £1,000 a year in a life insuance product. The other £3,000 must be invested in shares or unit trusts. Savers do have the option of putting the entire 55,000 in shares or other equity investments, but they cannot put the entire £5,000 in cash. They will be able to have access to their tax-free cash at

□ What happens to existing Pens and Tessas?

About £58 billion is held in Peps and around £26 billion in Tessas, Around 25 million people have Peps and 4.5 million have Tessas. Investments held in Peps and Tessas will be able to be rolled over in to the new ISAs, subject to a maximum limit of £50,000. The Government envisages

that savers will keep their existing products, but they will be simply held within a new ISA wrapper. Peps as an entity will cease to exist on April 5. 1999. The tax-free investments, however, will be able to be rolled over subject to the overall £50,000 limit. It will not be possible to open a new Tessa after April 5, 1999. Existing Tessas can be put into an ISA after that date again subject to the £50,000 limit.

What if a saver has more than £50,000 in an entire Pep and Tessa holding?

Any investments greater than £50,000. will become subject to both capital gains tax and income tax. The Government is allowing investors up until October 5, 1999, to transfer

☐ How does it affect Pep

It has become commonolace



for Peps to be used to pay off loans. According to Halifax, the ISA could simply replace Pep as a method of paying off a mortgage. Those who have Pep mortgages will be able to roll over their Peps in to the ISA. The funds will continue to grow tax-free within the ISA. The Halifax claims that £50,000 invested in an ISA over 25 years, the usual mort-

gage term, will grow to £150,000, which is greater than most mortgages.

☐ How will current investments be transferred?

The paper issued today by the Inland Revenue is for consultation purposes only. The details of transerring existing investments have yet to be worked out. The Government

does not want to see the industry imposing high charges for changing Peps and Tessas in to ISAs.

☐ Who will lose and who will gain under the new ISA?

The biggest losers under the new savings plans will be those who have more than £50,000 sheltered in Peps and Tessas. They will have to find

a way of dealing with the excess before April 1999. As each individual is allowed a £50,000 limit, there may an argument for transferring investments between husband

Bob Rothenberg from the accountants Blick Rothenberg said that changes could mean an extra £1,400 a year in tax

savings. He said: "Say that a higher rate taxpayer has invested £70,000 in Peps. He transfers the £50,000 maximum into an Isa, leaving him with £20,000. If he invests this for a return of 5 per cent, this would give him £3,500 in income. The tax bill on this would be £1,400."

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### Prescott makes way for council tax rises of up to 10%

COUNCIL tax bills could rise by as much as 10 per cent next year as capping rules are relaxed under local government spending plans announced yesterday.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, said in a Commons statement that total spending by local government in England would rise by 3.8 per cent to £48.2 billion, a 1 per cent rise in real terms, with an average council tax increase of just over 7 per cent. The average tax for a band D property will be £635, a rise of £42 on last year's average of £593. The

Some areas, though, are likely to see significantly higher tax

rises were in line with Conserva-

tive predictions, he said.

hikes as a result of changes to capping procedures allowing many councils to set rates up to 3 per cent higher than permitted by the last Government.

The settlement opened a new chapter in relations between central and local government, Mr Prescott said. Too often in the past decade, central government in Whitehall seemed to be waging war on local government in town halls. When new Labour was elected on May I we declared it was time to bury the hatchet."

Many Labour authorities will also gain from changes to the

calculation system for standard spending assessments (SSA), or the amount the Government feels councils need to provide an adequate level of service. New indicators of the social composition of an authority, such as the number of poorer pensioners or people claiming income support, are to be taken into account, handing more cash to deprived areas. Labour-run metropolitan coun-

cils such as Barnsley, which were previously assessed on the same basis as suburban authorities such as Kingston upon Thames, will be the chief beneficiaries.

with Tory and Liberal Democrat councils losing out. Barnsley will get nearly £6 million more in 1998because of the change, against below-inflation increase of £2.4 million for Kingston.

Labour councils will also benefit from new rules on debt, which take into account repayments outstanding in 1990. Sedgefield council in Durham,

which includes Tony Blair's con-stituency, will be allowed to spend El million more than this year, an increase of 13 per cent, while William Hague's home council, Richmondshire, gets just

£200,000 extra, a 5 per cent rise. The Conservatives flagship London borough of Westminster will be one of the settlement's biggest losers because of a new. system of calculating the extra costs incurred by councils who cater for large numbers of commuters and visitors. Westminster's SSA is to be cut by £20 million, or more than 8 per cent, under the new system, which no longer assumes visitors are of

phasing-in grant will offset much

of the impact next year. Council-

band D property. The highest band D bills, at £1,009, are in Labour-run Liverpool. Other London councils with many tourists and commuters. particularly the City of London but also Labour-run Camden, will the same social character as a council's residents, although a

suffer from the changes. Education authorities will see the bulk of the extra money announced by Mr Prescott, with a total of £1.06 billion, including the £835 million allocated in the Bud-

raise significantly their council tax rates, presently the lowest in

Britain at an average of £209 for a

get. £350 million extra is allocated to community care, £70 million to Relaxed town hall spending rules will hit some households harder than others, reports Mark Henderson children's social services and £20 million in support grants to meet the costs of implementing the Private Finance Initiative.

The abolition of nursery vouchers has freed £662 million for local authorities to spend on education of four-year olds, and £130 million has been set aside to help authorities cope with transitional costs incurred through local government reorganisation.

Conservatives and Liberal Democrats said the settlement would force council taxpayers to pay more for worse services.

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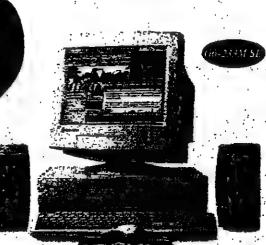
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## Robinson tries to spare Labour blushes

**Andrew Pierce** on the turmoil of a rich man the Treasury says has nothing

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to conceal

EOFFREY ROBINSON of ared to withdraw yesterday rom the announcement of dans to curb tax breaks for niddle-class savers to spare he Government embarrassnent over his links to a £12 nillion offshore trust.

naster General feared that esterday's Treasury press conference would be overhadowed by the weekend disclosure that he is a discreionary beneficiary of a fund Guernsey, But Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, over-Mr Robinson and ordered him to face the media for the first time since the revelations about his business

The multimillionaire Pay-

Yesterday a Treasury source said: "Geoffrey is a rich man who has got nothing to hide. He has done nothing wrong. He offered to stand aside but we were determined not to be plown off course. Geoffrey is a erious player."

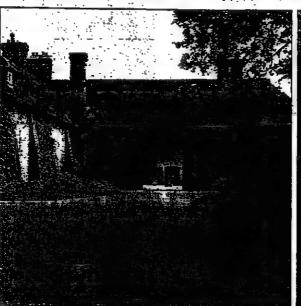
Mr Robinson had put nonths of work into the new avings scheme and the aunch was planned well beore the controversy erupted wer his financial affairs. We onsidered putting in another reasury minister but decided gainst it." the source said. We didn't want to do nythiung which would have macked of us hiding him way. He is an asset for the overnment."

At last year's Labour confernce Mr Brown, then Shadow hancellor, said that in govrnment the party would not slerate Tory values. "A Labur Chancellor will not permit ix relief to millionaires in fishore tax havens," he said. Yesterday the Treasury surce said: "Geoffrey is a bit sharrassed about the trost ut he could not close it down he wanted to." it was set up y a long-standing triend of 1r Robinson, Madame Joska ourgeois, a Belgian national

Sir Gordon Downey, the urliamentary Commissioner



Mr Robinson's mansion in Stockhridge, Hampshire. He bought the 20-bedroom property for £800,000





eral has not benefited since the

general election. Since May

he has transferred most of his

business assets, including £18

million of shares in TransTec,

into a blind trust. The Tories

are pressing to know whether

he had any involvement in the

establishment of the trust,

which tax experts argue are

formed for the principal pur-pose of tax avoidance.

Government minister to at-

tract criticism over offshore

trusts. Lord Simon of

Highbury, the former chairman of BP, was forced to sell

his £2 million sharholding in

the oil company, some of

which were held in an offshore

gations of potential conflicts of

Mr Robinson is the latest

The minister's main residence, Orchards, a Lutyens house in Godalming, Surrey; and his villa in Tuscany

Standards, is being pressed by the Tories to investigate why the Channel Island Orion Trust was not declared by the minister in the Commons Register of Interests.

Despite Downing Street and the Treasury's unswerving support for Mr Robinson's financial arrangements the Tories showed yesterday that they intend to keep up the pressure. Michael Heseitine, the former Deputy Prime Minister, who is worth £60 million, said that he had rejected accountants' advice to invest his wealth in a similar arrangement.
Mr Heseltine said he "fiatly

refused" the offshore trust volved accepting tax regimes which were outside the British jurisdiction, he told BBC ment of which you are a Radio 4.

"I wasn't prepared to do that because I think that, as a minister, it was quite difficult to explain to the vast majority of citizens, your own constituents - who would not have such advantages in their ordinary affairs — how you had found what they would see as escape routes of this sort," he

Asked if he thought all ministers should do the same as he had done in office. Mr Heseltine said: "I think if you are a minister in a govern-ment it is very difficult to explain how you have so ordered your affairs so that are subjected are outside those of the control of the Governmember.'

During the week Mr Robinson, who owns mansions in Surrey and Hampshire, lives in a eight-floor penthouse in Park Lane, London, overlooking Hyde Park. He also has a villa in Cannes and an estate in Tuscany, which has become the favourite holiday retreat of Tony Blair and his family.

He bought Marsh Court, a Grade-1 listen Lutyens mansion, near Stockbridge, Hampshire, for £800,000. He is restoring the 20-bedroom property to its former glory. His main residence is Orchards, a Lutyens masterpiece in Godalming, Surrey, which Mr Robinson, MP for Cov-

entry North Westm, is a close ally of the Chancellor. He became the saviour of the New Statesman in February 1996 and his shareholding in Coventry City Football Club is said to be worth £5 million. He amassed his personal wealth shareholding in TransTec, the £175 million engineering com-pany he founded 16 years ago. He borrowed £100,000 from Madame Bourgeois to set it up. His 7.2 per cent stake is worth more than £30 million. He earns a salary of £43,860 as an MP, having waived his ministerial entitlement. His rise to financial promenence began at the age of 35 as the Chief Executive of Jaguar.

During the press conference erday, Mr Robinson refused to entertain questions about the trust. "I have made a very full statement and I have nothing to add to it," he said.

The trust is not controlled by Mr Robinson but he and his family do stand to benefit from it, though the Paymaster Gen

### Questions raised over Paymaster and the socialite

WHEN Geoffrey Robinson, the Chief Executive of Jaguar. met the fabulously wealthy Belgian socialite Joska Bourgeois at the age of 35 he effectively secured a lucrative

But some three decades later the relationship between the Government minister and the elamorous older woman. who died in 1994 aged 81, has caused the first serious question marks over his political

It was Madame Bourgeois who showered millions of pounds on the precocious executive, who is now the holder of one of the key offices of state. The Paymaster General, who now writes cheques worth billions of pounds, will find the generous legacy she bestowed on her protege in an offshore trust will come under increasing scrutiny.

Geoffrey Robinson MP was already a wealthy man when he met the elegant Belgian socialite but with her help he became a millionaire many imes over.

eading industrialist in the Commons when he was elected for Coventry in 1976, a Labour man on principle, having been drawn to the Left during the Vietnam War.

His other colourful business associates included Robert Maxwell and his son Kevin. But it was Mr Robinson's friendship with Mme Bourgeois which changed his

They met in the early 1970s when he was head of Innocenti, British Leyland's Italian arm, and she had the franchise for selling Jaguars in her native Belgium. By the time he was elected to the Commons, he had already been made chief executive of Jaguar Cars at only 35.

Ouite what the ageing Mme Bourgeois saw in the ambitious young son of a She was a childless divorcee, but her ex-husband George

**Dominic** Kennedy on Robinson's

glamorous benefactor

Bourgeois: generous

legacy for her protégé

Buydendyk, a former European chief executive of Goodyear tyres, told The Times esterday that he doubted she looked on him as some sort of surrogate son. Maybe he reminded her of the British airmen she sheltered as a Resistance heroine during the war. There are also stories that, as a glamorous waitress in a club for German officers. she passed information about the Nazis to freedom fighters. M Buydendyk is unsure.

They invent all kinds of things," he said. Certainly, Mr Robinson advised Mme Bourgeois about the sale of her International Motor Company in 1979 to the Incheape. She was more than

Who says

you can't predict

the future?

ics company, in 1981, Mme

Bourgeois provided the E100,000 security he needed.

The company had a bumpy ride during the 1980s but is now widely admired and worth £175 million. The bulk of bis shares, E18 million worth, is held in a blind trust as all ministers assets are supposed to be.

The remaining £13 million worth are in Orion Trust, created on the tax haven of Guernsey by Mme Bougeois for Mr Robinson's family.

Mr Robinson, 59, has disclosed how many of his shares have been sold to the trust, but it is unknown how much else has been put there by, for example, Mme Bourgeois. He is a discretionary beneficiary so he only gets money if the directors of the trust decide he should. But their names are

Mme Bourgeois was something of a serial tax avoider. She never returned to her native Belgium after 1979 because of unsettled tax problems, instead choosing exile in Geneva, beyond the reach of the Belgian taxman.

Mr Robinson and his opera singer wife, Marie-Elena Giorgio, would often go to her home in Cannes and she in return visited theirs in Godalming, Surrey. He was said to have described her to colleagues as "the 12th richest woman in the world".

She would send oil paintings to his Coventry office, where they were hung on the walls. When she died aged 81 in Cannes in 1994. Mr Robinson helped organise her funeral. He is one of the main beneficiaries of her fortune. which was estimated at £35 million.

After her death, he spent £5 million on Coventry City Football Club shares, and was a key mover behind the axing of Ron Atkinson. In the same



Geoffrey Robinson celebrating general election victory in Coventry

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### What the public should be told

ALTHOUGH Geoffrey Robinson claims that the £12.5 million offshore trust of which he is a beneficiary was operated at arm's length he still has many difficult questions to

The biggest mystery sur-

rounds the number of shares in TransTec, the company he founded 16 years ago, that are held by his offshore Orion trust, and why that number rose to the tune of 13 million when Mr Robinson joined the Government. Concern also surrounds Stenbell, the private company partly owned by Mr Robinson which is £250,000 in debt yet managed to buy 9.8 million shares in TransTec then transfer them to the Orion trust.

should answer the following: ☐ Why did he sell the right to buy £10 million worth of Trans Tec shares last year, to a company called Stenbell? How much of Stenbell does he own and what does it do? ☐ Why then were the shares

The Times feels that he

passed on to Orion, an offshore tax-free trust? What part did he play in this transaction? Why the two part sale? ☐ Apart from Orion, does he hold any other of his 30.4 million Transfee shares in

offshore trusts? Does he own shares in other companies? ☐ Was Orion the family trust noted in TransTec's 1996 annual report in which he held 9.8 million shares last year? □ Who increased the holding of this trust to 12.7 million shares in September this year, after he had joined the Govemment, bringing its value to £12.5 million? Did he play any part in this transaction? ☐ What other assets are held

in Orion apart from the

TransTec shares. How

wealthy is the trust? ☐ Why and when did he make

did he make with Robert Maxwell when in 1991 Mr Robinson merged TransTec with Central and Sheerwood, the company Maxwell chaired and had a significant shareholding in?

a personal loan of \$1-million to Roll Centre Inc. a company later bought by TransTec? .How much maney is he still owed by companies to which he has made personal loans? ☐ Last year: TransTec paid him £74,000 as a pension contribution. Is he still receiving these contributions or any other company benefits?

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□ Why did Robert Maxwell decide to sell his stake in the

company back to TransTec just weeks before his death?

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### Gore goes to Kyoto with new deal on emissions

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

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AMERICA last night appeared to have made a dramatic new compromise to cut eenhouse gases as Al Gore. the Vice-President, prepared to walk a political tightrope at the United Nations summit on global warming in Kyoto.

The United States, facing a cool greeting in Japan for its modest initial stance in the talks, vesterday went on the diplomatic offensive, offering a concession that proposed nations of up to 5 per cent from their 1990 levels in the years 2008 to 2012. Under pressure from do-

mestic industries reliant on traditionally strong allies in fossil fuel. America previ-ously had said that the industrialised nations should reduce

European councondemned as too weak. Both the position taken by the Britain and Germany favour a cut of 15 per cent. The latest concession, re-

ported by Yomiuri Shimbun. appeared to be an attempt to smooth the path for Mr Gore whose decision to join the Kyoto talks next Monday was made at the eleventh hour. After much discussion at the

White House the Vice-President, who is also the author of Earth in the Balance, a definitive work on global warming, finally agreed to fly to Japan. He will spend just 12 hours on the ground, address the 1.500 delegates from more than 160 countries but take no part in the official negotiation.

Even after President Clinton announced the decision to send his deputy. Mr Gore tried to dampen expectations about what may be accomplished in Kyoto. "We are prepared to walk away from an agreement that we don't

The White House had earlier played down the possibility of either Mr Clinton or Mr Gore attending the Kyoto talks. But the Vice-President, with an eye to his presidential

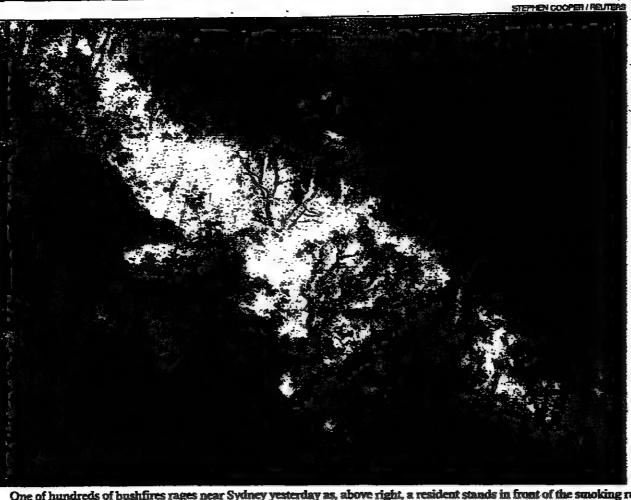
the environmen-Environmentalists were concerned that his brief appearance as a knight in shining armour would merely viewed as a to-

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criticism from United States, the world's siggest polluter.

from plans offered by the European Union to limit carbon monoxide and other gases in the millennium.

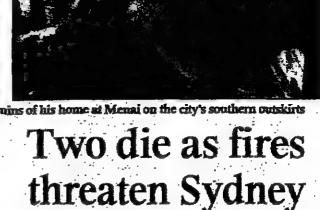
Negotiators for the EU said the impasse between the United States and the Third World could destroy the entire talks but said Europe was hoping to offer itself as a broker to end



One of hundreds of bushfires rages near Sydney yesterday as, above right, a resident stands in front of the smoking rains of his home at Menai on the city's southern outskirts



A man and his three children flee their home in Menai as a firestorm, whipped up by gales, races down on the Sydney suburb. Up to 20 homes were destroyed in this area alone and a thick pall of smoke hangs over the city



FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

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blazes broke out, half of them eported to be out of control. At one stage flames licked Sydney's northern and south-

rn suburbs, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of residents and prompting fire chiefs to compare conditions with the last big bushfire disaster of January 1993, when four people died and more than 100 homes were

"The situation is very serious," Gilly Paxton, of the New South Wales Royal Fire Ser-

The Sydney fires caused rush hour traffic jams as commuters drove home from tus trees also caused problen for the sick and elderly. In the southern Sydney suburbs some residents made desperate but futile attempts to save their homes with-buckets of water and garden hoses.

The worst-affected areas were in the countryside, including Coonabarabran, about 250 miles northwest of Sydney, where a large cres-cent of flame destroyed 320,000 acres of bushland and injured two firemen. At Mountains, two firefighters died after being trapped by a biage in heavily wooded hills.

The weather worsened last night as high winds whipped up fiames and threatened other areas. Phil Koperberg. the bushfire chief commis sioner, said that strong southerly winds would make things

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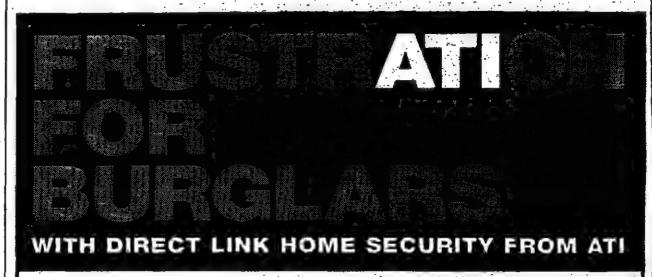
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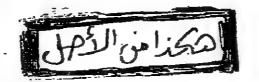
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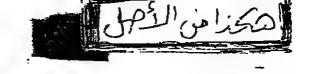




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### Mrs Mandela's daughter faces torture claim

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THE youngest daughter of President Mandela was yesterday alleged to have joined her mother in torture sessions and was implicated as an accessory in at least one killing in evidence to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

At the hearing into the activities of Mrs Madikizela-Mandela and her gang of thuggish bodyguards, the so-called Mandela United Football Club. Zindziwa Mandela, 37. smiled and chewed gum as Gift Ntombeni, a former member of the club, said she had "taken after her mother".

Mr Ntombeni added: "She is capable of any deed whatsoever.

The picture of the Mandela home that emerged from yesterday's evidence was a place familiar with paranoia, betrayal, torture and murder.

Dressed in a white polka dot top and black skirt, Ms Mandela smiled and shook her head when Mr Ntombeni said that either she or her mother had ordered the assassination of Tholi Dlamini, a member of the club who had said he wanted to leave to pursue his interest in ballroom dancing.

Mr Niombeni said he had witnessed the murder of Tholi, who was shot by Sizwe Winnie's home was the setting

for paranoia and betrayal, writes

Sam Kiley

time, in 1988. Ms Mandela had four children by different partners, including Sithole, during the 1980s when she was living with her mother in

the Soweto mansion which

was also the headquarters of the football club. Born shortly before President Mandela began his 27 years in prison, Ms Mandela was brought up by her mother, who had a succession of lovers during the years when she was not herself in

Inside the Mandela mansion, most members of the football club" who joined after finding themselves unemployed, smoked marijuana and drank heavily. They camped in groups of up to a dozen in a back room next to Mrs Mandela's jacuzzi, and joined in torture sessions led

either by herself or her daugh-

weapons training in Ms Mandela's bedroom where they drank and joked before going out on "operations".

Leratodi Ikaneng, a former member of the club, said that Ms Mandela's role as a torturer began when four local youths were brought to the house after they had been accused of raping a fellow pupil in June 1988. The youths were taken into a shed at the back of the home called "Lusaka" where they were thrashed with sjamboks, or whips.

"Zinzi is the one who instigated it saying they were rapists and that they must be tortured," Mr Ikaneng said.

On another occasion Ms Mandela "carved the letters ANC into the chest and back" of a victim hunted down by other members of the club, Mr Ntombeni said, "She did it with a plastic implement."
The club selected ordinary

victims for its "hunts" from a book kept at the gates of the home in which local people would write the names of "troublemakers".

Mrs Mandela, 63, and her daughter would wait at home while "we would go out and hunt that person down and get them back to the yard ... we would beat them and burn

peace accord which many of Mr

Netanyahu's supporters want

scrapped. Mr Arafat threw down

the gauntlet to the Israelis last



Winnie Mandela and her daughter Zindziwa studying documents at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission yesterday

Zinzi would lead the assaults."

Mr Ntombeni said. Over the past seven days the commission, which is hearing evidence of human rights abuses and apartheid-era crimes, has heard from witnesses that to be accused of being a police informer was a entence.

Mr Ntombeni said: "You wouldn't dare defy Winnie. Whenever you did you were referred to as an informer." He decided to leave the club after Ms Mandela became furious that he had reported the death of a club member to Sithole, her lover. "She asked me why had I told Sizwe and called me an impimpi |informer]. I realised I was no longer safe," he said.

Soweto doctor, in 1989. A second convicted murderer meanwhile told the commission that Mrs Mandela

ordered the killing of a Soweto doctor and offered 20,000 rands (about £5,300 at the time) for the job. Thulani Diamini, 28, echoed Monday's evidence by Cyril Mbatha that Mrs Mandela promised them the money for killing Abu-Baker Asvat, a popular

Dlamini, like Mbatha, said they had gone to Asvat's office tor. They were arrested before Mrs Mandela paid them the promised money, he said. Asvat and Stompie

Moeketsi Seipei, a teenage activist, are among at least six people Mrs Mandela is alleged to have killed or had killed. Jerry Richardson, head of the club, has applied to the commission for amnesty for Seipei's murder, saying he

with garden shears. Mrs Mandela's troubles mounted outside the hearing as well yesterday when she was re-buked by ANC leaders for accusing them of failing voters. Cheryl Carolus, the acting General Secretary, said Mrs "improper and cowardly" act

### Netanyahu threatens to annex Arafat's 'independent' state



Velanyahu: tough stance

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, warned Yassir Arafat yesterday that Israel would annex the occupied West Bank if he fulfilled his pledge to declare an independent Palestinian state there no later than mid-1999.

The threat, which Western diplomats predicted could spark another Middle East war, was supported by Yitzhak Mordechai, his Defence Minister, who said: "If Arafat takes capacity to enforce our own one-

was taken in response to a promise to support the new state and grant it by Mr Arafat, President of the diplomatic recognition. "if Arafat carries out a step like Palestinian Authority, to issue a unilateral declaration of indepen-

that, he will explode the [1993] agreement," Mr Netanyahu told dence in the Arab self-rule areas of members of the hawkish Tsomet the West Bank and Gaza Strip in May 1999 if no final peace settle-Party, one of his coalition partners. In response, I will declare annexment has been reached by then. ation of the [West Bank] Jordan Rift The deadline was laid down as the end of the five-year interim Valley and other territory, maybe negotiating period in the Oslo

Last night, Mr Arafat hit back by saying in Ramallah: "We have heard many statements from Mr Netanyahu. Let it be quite clear to unilateral measures, we have the month by pledging that once the all that the state of Palestine exists Jordan. Egypt, Lebanon and Syria grave danger to the possibility of canacity to enforce our own one-Palestinians had declared independent and al-Quds al-Sharif (Jerusalem) which, as "frontline states", would the chance of reaching a political Palestinians had declared indepenand al-Quds al-Sharif (Jerusalem) sided steps." The tough new stance dence, he would appeal to the world will be its capital, which was

occupied in 1967," Israel annexed east Jerusalem after conquering it from Jordan in the 1967 War and it has extended Israeli law to the Golan Heights. seized from Syria in the same conflict. Calls by Jewish settlers for annexation of the West Bank, territory they call Eretz Israel, or the biblical land of Israel, have so far been resisted because of the danger of sparking a new war. Western diplomatic sources said

last night that West Bank annexation was almost guaranteed to provoke military retaliation from the support of the Palestinians. It would also prompt an armed response from the 30,000 Palestinian policemen now under Mr Arafat's command, a force that constitutes an army in all but name. Recent intelligence reports have revealed moves by the Palestinians to smuggle in anti-tank weapons and other powerful additions to their legal armoury.

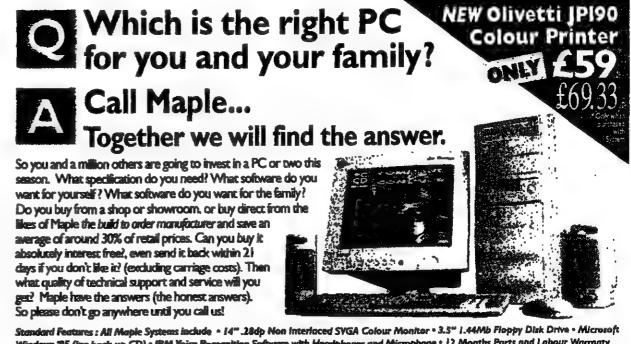
Ehud Barak, leader of the main opposition Labour Party and a former Chief of Staff, said: "Netanyahu's slip of the tongue causes be under Arab pressure to come to arrangement and damages the sec-annex in the future." one said.

urity of the country." Ephraim Sneh. 2 Labour deputy and former military governor of the West Bank. said: "Netanyahu's manoeuvres are destined to cause bloodshed." Government spokesmen said

that there was no chance of Mr Netanyahu retracting his remarks. Members of Tsomet said that keeping open the annexation option was a key reason why Mr Netanyahu is so reluctant to hand over more Israeli-occupied West Bank land to the PLO, as stipulated by the peace agreement. "The less land

the Palestinians control in the early stages, the easier it will be for us to





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### Sharif wins all as Pakistan state crumbles

resigned last night after losing a power struggle with Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister. It took the Pakistan Army.

desperate to avoid a coup, to save what is left of a crumbling democracy. The Islamic state, exhausted by weeks of conflict, has been left in constitutional and economic chaos.

Mr Sharif now looks unassailable, his authoritarian tendencies well established, the army unwilling to topple him and the National Assembly firmly under his control. No elected leader has enjoyed such power. With so few restraints, there will be overwhelming temptation to move towards a more dictatorial style of government.

President Leghari, in an emotional farewell speech from the presidential palace. said that he held the constitution above self-interest; hardly a convincing comment after a long battle that has almost destroyed vital government and judicial institutions.

The Supreme Court has in effect collapsed in a mutiny against the Chief Justice, also locked in a losing fight with Mr Sharif. He will be ousted soon — another victim of the Prime Minister's power.

Recent events are a calamity



Sharif: now firmly in control in Islamabad

and the Chakma rebels signed

a peace accord yesterday, clos-

ing a bloody chapter in a two-

decade-old campaign for a

tribal homeland in the coun-

was reached after seven

try's southeastern hills. The landmark agreement Constitutional

chaos reigns in Islamabad.

Christopher

Thomas reports

the army. Mr Leghari would not have gone without being pushed, however subtly, by the generals. They were bound to engineer the Prime Minister's survival because the only alternative was martial law, a fact that emboldened Mr Sharif to take on two such important institutions.

The office of the presidency, once treated with respect, is now discredited by the dirty tactics of the past weeks. The higher judiciary has been soiled by its political partiality. Pakistan has moved a notch closer to becoming a failed state and some argue it already is one. Islamic extremists sense their time may be coming as the nation staggers towards one of its greatest financial crises.

Sajjad Ali Shah, the Chief Justice, who fought Mr Sharif over who had the right to



appoint senior judges, yester-day restored the authority of the President to dismiss the Prime Minister, a desperate last attempt to get rid of Mr Sharif. It was backed by the President and the Govern-

> moves to impeach him. Rebei judges challenged Mr Shah's right to make the ruling, leaving the authority of the nation's ultimate legal arbiter in tatters. In effect, there is no longer a Supreme Court in Pakistan. Mr Sharif will ensure that the next President and Chief Justice are to his liking. He is considering various constitutional changes further to en-

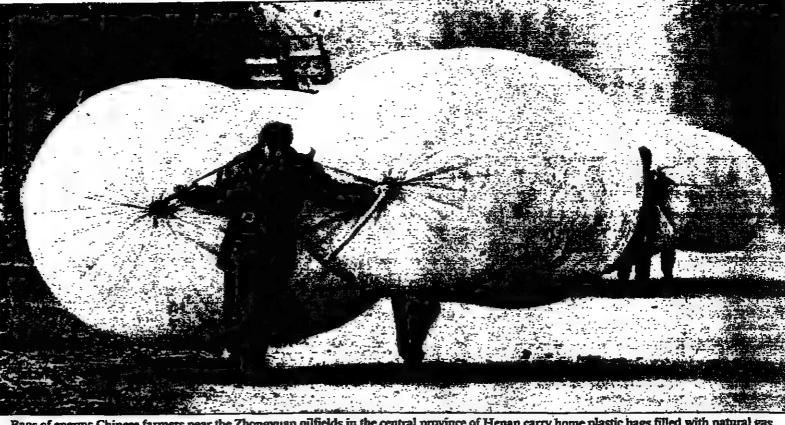
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trench his authority.

Every government elected since the end of martial law in 1985 has been dismissed by the President, including Mr Sharif's in his first term of office. Benazir Bhutto's administration was dismissed last year under the same provision. Both had fallen foul of the army. Mr Sharif used his huge parliamentary majority eight months ago to remove the power of dismissal.

Never has Pakistan faced such a prolonged constitutional mess. Nor has it put its parliamentary democracy so decisively on the line since its restoration in 1988. Mr Sharif raised the stakes on Monday night by attacking the Chief Justice and the President on television, accusing them of conspiring against him. That, it turns out, was a reasonable interpretation.

Government in Islamabad remains at a standstill and the stock market has fallen. Foreign exchange reserves have plunged. In another era the army would have taken over. This time, the looming economic crisis doubtless deterred it from doing so, given the certainty that international financial institutions would have shunned a nation led by



Bags of energy: Chinese farmers near the Zhongyuan oilfields in the central province of Henan carry home plastic bags filled with natural gas which they collected illegally from roadside wells. Oil companies lose £1.5 million a year through thefts of the gas, used for cooking and heating

### Father wins plea over killing disabled girl

IN AN unprecedented verdict that outraged disabled rights groups yesterday, a Canadian farmer convicted of killing his handicapped daughter was exempted from the mandatory sentence for second degree murder and instead jailed for

Robert Latimer, 44, had confessed that four years ago he killed Tracy, 12, as an act of mercy to spare her the increasing horrors of encroaching cerebral palsy.
Twice convicted of second

degree murder, Latimer's case has become both a cause celebre and a lightning rod in the debate over euthanasia in Canada, a country that enshrines the rights of disabled people at the heart of its Constitution.

In a decision which dismayed the disabled community last night, however, a judge for the first time in Canadian

Dhaka signs pact with rebel tribes to end bush war

history swept aside the man-25 years and ordered Latimer to spend one year behind bars and 364 days on probation at his wheat farm in the western province of Saskatchewan. Judge Ted Noble said a mandatory life sentence would be a "cruel and unusual

His ruling was condemned by disabled groups which said it was a sign of effective support for the barnyard ethics" of killing the weak and infirm. A coalition of organisations is campaigning to have the verdict overturned through the Canadian Supreme Court.

"We are horrified," said Diane Richler of the Canadian Association for Community Living, an advocacy group for the disabled. This verdict is terrifying for anyone who has a disability in Canada. Tracy

Latimer did not choose to die She was murdered and justice admitted that in October 1993, while his wife and three other children were at church, he carried Tracy out of the family farmhouse in Wilkie and placed her in his pickup truck.

After feeding a pipe from the exhaust into the cab, he left the ngine running and watched through the window for the seven minutes it took Tracy to die. "If she had started to cry I would have taken her out of there," he said.

During the trial Latimer said that surgery performed on Tracy a year before her death had transformed her into a victim in constant agony. "With the combination of a feeding tube, rods in her back, the leg cut and flopping around and bedsores, how can people say she was a happy little girl? Latimer said.

### **Upper-caste Hindus** massacre villagers

Lakshmanpur: Hundreds of upper-caste Hindus slaughtered at least 64 people in an overnight attack in this east Indian village of low-caste farmers, 75 miles from Patna, the Bihar state capital: All the victims, nineteen of them teenagers and four aged under five, were low-caste Hindus.

Police blamed the Ranbir Sena, an illegal private militia composed mostly of upper-caste landowners. The local police chief said about 300 armed men entered homes at night and methodically shot and stabbed their victims for two hours. (AP)

#### Blast kills Russian miners

Moscow: At least 60 Russian miners out of more than 100 under ground were killed in an explosion at Zyryanovskaya coalmine in Novokuznersk, Western Siberia (Robin Lodge writes). Rescuers were still bringing bodies to the surface 18 hours after the blast, which left six miners suffering serious burns.

#### Gaddafi thanked by Chirac

Paris: President Chirac of France has called for improved relations between France and Libya (Ben Macintyre writes). In a personal message, M Chirac also thanked Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, for Tripoli's help in the investigation of the terrorist bombing of a French airliner in 1989.

#### Giuliani's unwanted publicity

New York: A judge here has rejected an attempt by Rudolph Giuliani, the Mayor, right, to ban advertisements poking fun at him, with the tart comment: "Who would think that the Mayor would object to more publicihad gone to court to fight advertise ments placed by New York magazine because they took his name in vain. The ads described the glossy as "possibly the only good thing in New York Rudy hasn't taken credit for".



#### 'Illegal marriage' couple shot

Peshawar: A woman who married her son-in-law was shot dead by family members after tribal clerics in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province ruled the marriage contravened Islamic law. Her son-in-law, whom she had married four years ago, was also executed. They had two children: (AP)

#### Mubarak sons end libel case

Cairo: Two sons of President Mubarak of Egypt dropped a libel action against six journalists after a new apology — leading al-Sharq al-Awsat, the Arab daily newspaper, to reopen its office here. The journalists had appealed after being found guilty over a promotion for an ultimately unpublished article. (AP)

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rilla commander who led the protracted negotiations with the Government, signed the accord for the rebels. Sheikh Hasina, the Prime

Minister, who watched the signing ceremony along with

J. B. Larma, the former guer-

rounds of talks between government representatives and senior army generals, said the Bengal and bordering eastern Hill Tracts after an on-off bush war that had left 10,000 people, mostly civilians, dead. The accord provides for a

22-member regional council headed by a tribal leader with sweeping autonomy to administer the 5,000 square miles of demand for independence. The armed campaign for a separate homeland for the half

a million minority tribe dominated by ethnic Buddhist Chakmas had meant keeping about 20,000 regular soldiers, paramilitary troops and

Thousands of tribal families armed with both automatic The insurgency

hills under state patronage in the 1970s. Ordinary tribes complained of being swamped by the influx of people from

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from suspected guerrilla hideouts. The Government also agreed to frame laws berming the sale of tribal land to non

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### World Cup pitched into green row

A ROW has broken out at the new World Cup football stadium outside Paris amid claims that underground pollution at the site is turning the pitch yellow. The Stade de France, where next year's

World Cup final will be played on July 12, is built on the site of a former gasworks and French environmental groups allege that the "jaundice" affecting the newly laid grass is the result of inadequate antipollution measures.

The dispute, erupting just before tomorrow's World Cup draw in Mar-

seilles, has embarrassed the stadium authorities, who insist that the odd colour in parts of the new pitch is a minor and temporary problem. The grass might be slightly less beautiful than usual at the moment, but that is because it has just been treated. It is absolutely not the result of pollution," Stéphanie Husson, a stadium official, said.

Environmentalists, however, say that groundwater beneath the pitch is saturated with hydrocarbons and other toxic chemical waste left by the former

sworks. The yellowing is an indicator of the pollution," Jacky Bounemains, bead of the environmental pressure group Robin des Bois, said this week. The grass is growing very badly as a direct result of the underground contamination, which was just covered up." He

said that the area has been on a national 6 The grass might be slightly less beautiful than usual but it is not the result of pollution 9

inventory of polluted sites since 1994. The designers of the stadium, which was built in 31 mouths at a cost of £250 million, say that elaborate measures are in place to including plastic sheeting and a thick layer of concrete below the soil. M Bonnemains said that such precautions were simply evidence that the architects were afraid of the effects of gas

ellow areas last month. Jean-Pierre Leboucher, consultant lawn engineer for the Stade de France, put the problem down to sanding and about 30 square yards were "patched" with new turk producing an effect which the newspaper Le Parisien compared to the skin disease alopecia. M Leboucher said that the condition would clear up quickly, but the pitch remains distinctly off-colour The weekly Journal du Dimanche reported that gardeners believed this was due to nanaged grass-cutting".

Ecologists say that a serious flood, causing the polluted groundwater to rise, could damage the grass and might even affect players or spectators in hot ns. M Bonnemains said that the level of pollution was known before

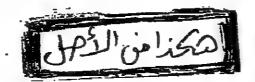
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### Reno set to clear Clinton and Gore of illegal fundraising

n extraordinary year of allegations that President Clinton and the Democratic Party set out to break America's laws on political fundraising was set to come to an abrupt halt yesterday when Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, in a judgment drafted minutes before she spoke, prepared to rule that their actions had

Ms Reno's decision, which provoked a protest from the head of the FBI ahead of her statement, would draw a line under the accusations that have dogged Mr Clinton and his Vice-President, Al Gore, since the November 1996

. It would also leave Mr



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Gore free to pursue the presidency in 2000 with his image as Mr Clean only slightly tarnished, and would

faint hope that it can repair But the truth appears much its ravaged finances before more interesting. A fiercely next year's crucial congressional elections.

Mr Clinton said yesterday, this should be strictly a question of the law, not political pressure. I have scrupulously refrained from saying anything in public or private" to Ms Reno.

Furious Republicans yes-

terday denounced Ms Reno's expected ruling, accusing her of eccentricity and myopia in focusing on one highly tech-nical accusation out of the cloud swirling around the White House They claim that Ms Reno, both a Democrat and a presidential ap-pointee, is protecting the

solitary figure, who speaks slowly and impassively. Ms Reno has battled through the case while suffering the carry stages of Parkinson's disease as well as attacks from both

The Democrat-leaning New York Times has repeatedly lambasted her in its editorials, while she has a cool relationship with President Clinton himself, who was widely reported to want to replace her a year ago.

political wings.

He did not dare, and not just because he would seem to be shielding himself. To the bewilderment of Washington, Ms Reno remains hugely popular across the

she mishandled the Texas siege of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco in 1993 won her many fans, so has the view that she is a purist, trying to practise law,

But was yesterday's expected decision right? There are good reasons to say it was. Even some congressional Republicans agree on the technical point that fundraising calls made by Mr Clinton and Mr Gore from inside the White House were legal.

any lawyers say it would take an odd reading of a 114year-old statute to say otherwise. Ordinary Americans

show host, who asked: Where's the President supposed to go to make his phone calls — down to the 7-

The real heat centres on whether Ms Reno was right to dismiss more colourful allegations early on, such as whether Mr Clinton was wrong to entertain party donors with White House coffee mornings, or to provide nights in the Lincoln Bedroom. Ms Reno concluded that there was no single action which was clearly

The most explosive issue of all is whether the Democratic Party illegally sought donanot enough evidence to bring charges was finally shared. reluctantly, by the Senate committee headed by Fred Thompson, a Republican, despite his declaration that he would prove a "China con-

nection" to the White House.

These money-grubbing stories add up to a picture of Democratic desperation approaching panie. But there is no sequence as pointedly embarrassing as, say, the Formula

One row in Britain. The popular appeal of the Republicans' case would be stronger if they had not quashed in October the only Bill likely to reform the

After 13 months of scandal. the White House will now have to contend only with a noisy but chaotic inquiry by the House of Represent-

As for Ms Reno herself, she confided to the New Yorker magazine last week that "I'd like to get into a truck, and put in a cooler and a stove. and a little dresser drawer and a place for a cot. Then . . . take off across the country."

Mr Clinton and Mr Gore must now be grateful for that instinct for self-sufficiency. They seem set to receive an invaluable boost from someone whom they only recently appeared to want to

### Relief in Nato as Britain lifts veto on Rock

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN moved yesterday to. unblock an increasingly bitter impasse with Spain over Gibraltar by making a concession that took Nato defence ministers by surprise.

London had been holding the rest of the alliance to ransom by refusing to approve a long-planned reform of Nato's command structure until Spain agreed to drop its restrictions on British military aircraft and warships using Spanish facilities when travel-

ling to and from Gibraltar. The dispute between Britain and Spain, originating from the centuries old rivalry over ownership of The Rock, was the only territorial dispute standing in the way of a newly restructured alliance. Even the Greeks and Turks compro mised over their historic feud. over the Aegean Sea in a deal forged over dinner in Brussels

on Monday night. With Nato's military becoming increasingly exasperated over Britain's decision to block approval for the new-lookbeing seen as the bad guys. even though there was an element of sympathy for

London's case. However, despite giving the impression last week that there would be no concessions. George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, told his Nato. counterparts at a meeting yesterday that Britain would lift its veto over the new command Structure wand. would deal with the Spanish as a semirare issue, 1986

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12 months to make a deal with . that the Government was not Britain over military travel restrictions out of Gibraikar or risk having London vero its application to join Nato's integrated structure. Mr Robert-son said it should be possible for Spain and Britain to "behave like adults" and to come to a sensible compromise.

The announcement caused such relief at the meeting that General Klaus Naumann, the German Chairman of Nato's Military Committee nearly British official in his enthusiasm. Within minutes, General Naumann summoned a meeting of the military committee to complete the final elements of the reformed command

structure.

Although Spanish officials said Mr. Robertson's concession was a breakthrough British officials emphasised

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olance year day affer in the Court decided all 23 leaders of the anst Herri Batasuna ngy for collaborating with armed group ETA journalists were for 39 years each by pled for 39 years se National Court yester-my for membership of EDA and membership of tempons considering any big concessions on the key points that divide Spain and Britain. Ministers still want Spain to drop its restrictions on access to Spanish airspace and ports, and refuse to contemplate Madrid's demand for joint

control of Gibraltar Airport. British officials said that Spain was now expected to make concessions and if it failed to do so, "the Spanish will be seen as the bad guys". All the pressure would be on the Spanish. One official said: "Whatever arrangement we come to with Spain, it will be sovereignly neutral'. Nothing that could be portrayed as a compromise on sovereignty vill be allowed."

The alliance will be based on two reginal command centres in Europe - a northern headquarters at Brunssum in The Netherlands and a southern one in Naples - replacing the three headquarters, including one at High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, which will be abolished

British officials said that even though Mr Robinson had approved in principle the reformed command structure. there was still scope for blocking detailed elements of the new format which did not suit Britain. One potential area of rivalry concerns the "flags to posts" system under which Nato members will carve up between then what is left of the senior command appointments after the reduction in regional headquarters from



Russian inspectors examining Lynx Helicopters at RAF Aldergrove in Ulster yesterday as part of the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty

### Yeltsin 'cutting nuclear warheads by third'

FROM ROWN LODGE IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN announced yesterday that Russia would unilaterally cut its nuclear warheads by one third. Speaking in Stockholm at the start of a three-day visit to Sweden, he said that the move was part of his objective to climinate nuclear weapons

from the world. "I announce here, for the first time, that we will unilaterally reduce the quantity of nuclear warheads by a further one third," Mr Yeltsin told a news conference. "It is time for us to take this matter to its natural conclusion and destroy nuclear weapons altogether."

The dramatic announcement was in keeping with similar statements in the past by Mr Yeltsin, an old hand at

of those earlier announcements have not always survived closer scrutiny - a pledge this year to stop targeting Western cities from Russian missile silos was dismissed by experts as an

But against the background of tortuous arms negotiations delicate relations with

over the past few decades, the notion of such a substantial cut in the Russian nuclear arsenal will be greeted with incredulity in the West and with alarm by senior figures in the Russian military.

Mr Yeltsin was already hoping to use his time in Sweden to bolster Moscow's

Baltic region. He is known to be keen to reinvigorate his proposal for Russia to provide security guarantees to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, and thus dissuade them from join-

ing Nato. The proposal was firmly rejected by those states, all of which retain a strong suspipation. Mr Yeltsin may hope to win some support in Stockholm, which maintained its neutrality throughout the Cold War. But diplomats said that Sweden, which has built up good relations with the Baltic states since their independence, has little enthusi-





### Better off without him

Nicole Contos was left at the altar when her fiancé bolted to Tahiti. Athena Malpas, who was an English guest at the extravagant bridal shower, thinks Nicole had a lucky escape

he unfortunate plight of Nicole Contos, who alone at the altar. has, for reasons beyond me, snowballed into a full media event in New York. In no time at all, this obscure GAP (Greek American Princess) has gone from being a kinder-garten teacher to publicly performing her own personal

Greek tragedy.
The story has been covered by CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN and Fox TV; she has appeared twice on the cover of the New York Daily Name of the New York D York Daily News; she has turned down the Sally Jesse Raphael Show but is holding out for Oprah: Ru Paul has

become a big sup-porter with his slo-'I might gan "Yo, go Nicole go!": the controversomehow sial and outspoken Howard Stern quipped less sym-pathetically, "Hey, you can't blame the have put a curse on guy. She needs implants." Barbara her special Walters seems un-Letterman has yet to comment. Book

deals and movie rights are apparently being negotiated. Here in the UK. the story has managed to find its way into the broadsheets and tabloids, and was covered by radio and television.

Once upon a time, a Greek wedding was a simple affair; an occasion for close friends and family to celebrate the joining together of two young people. A proposal would be followed by a traditional engagement service blessed by a priest, and simple gold bands would be exchanged. Engraved in each band would be the names of the betrothed. These rings were worn on the left hand until the wedding. when they would be transferred to the right hand.

Weddings are now like Christmas, no longer sacred. No more are they private events shared with those nearest and dearest, but with everybody and anybody — and if you are deemed interesting enough, you can invite the readers of Hello! and OK! to share your special day as well. Once the engagement is announced you are on the matrimonial conveyer belt, and there are now wedding coordinators and wedding consultants to help you to spend, spend, spend while you are on the way. Even before they exchange vows, the bride and groom will have held engagement parties, bridal showers. stag nights, hen parties and

rehearsal dinners. It is difficult to understand why Nicole got caught up in this media circus. After all the lengthy preparations and warm-up celebrathe shock of the groom fleeing on honeymoon by himself, one would have thought that she would take some time off to get over it. She was admired and applauded for going on with the

being the first to dance to I After such an heroic performance, a rather dignified Garboesque "I want to be alone" response to any media interest was expected. But the show appears to have gone on with a remarkable twist to the

reception regardless, and

plot that has left people in her circle feeling uncomfortable. During a recent visit to New York I had the pleasure of attending Nicole's bridal shower. I cannot claim to be more than a passing acquaintance, but a mutual friend thought it would be nice for the bride-to-be to meet someone from London who would be able to take Nicole under her wing when she moved to England after the nuptials. I

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from elegant silver teapots. hangovers this Christmas.

> grey, grey being this year's fashionable colour, and Hermès Kelly bags appeared to be de rigueur. Their faces were more Jackie than Jackie's; expressionless and cold. They wore the official and superficial smiles more commonly associated with a senator's wife enduring a fundraising dinner. Girlish joy and spon-

I cannot say I found myself in overwhelmingly warm and don't think I did my best to endear myself to them. "You're from London?" I was asked "Yes," I replied popping a sandwich into my mouth. You must have been devastated when Diana died?" Eyes looked at me with deepest sympathy. "Well, no actually. Frankly after the mass hysteria that gripped Britain, I couldn't have been more reher to rest and we got back to

All I heard was the shocked chink of cup against saucer and my gaze was met with silence and horrified stares. 'Well, we loved her," said my was like our Princess." The message was very clear — we appreciated her, even if you didn't. "I can still remember the way she looked at Charles on her wedding day — so in love," added another. "It was

"Well, yes it certainly was that — a fairytale," I conceded. Thankfully, the waiter arrived to offer me another cup of tea. I was tempted to ask for a large vodka tonic, but resisted. Instead I excused myself, locked myself in the ladies and smoked an illicit cigarette practically in one breath.

my politically in-correct habit, the ing her large pile of gifts, including turquoise boxes from Tiffany and green boxes I noticed that she seemed to

when I heard the news about the groom's failure to materialise at the wedding a month later, that my presence at the shower might have had the same effect as the wicked witch at Sleeping Beauty's christening. Had I somehow unwittingly put a curse on the

For those not in the know, a bridal shower is one of those strange ritual gatherings that take place as a prequel to the actual wedding celebrations. This is an American tradition that involves a lot of women getting together to shower the bride with gifts and goodwill as she embarks on the path to matrimony. Bridal showers used to be small, intimate, girls-only events, organised in someone's home for friends to giggle over gifts of naughty nighties and edible underwear. Now they have evolved into full-blown receptions, attended by many females, and the gifts are purchased from a separate list from the main wedding list and at an exclusive department store.

experience at these wedding festivities have become. I arrived late at an Upper East Side hotel to what I expected would be an informal and relaxed gathering, only to find that a formal, sitdown English tea was in progress. Only the New York haute bourgeoisie hold these Merchant Ivory-style tea par-ties — I cannot remember when, outside the portals of Fortnum & Mason, I last attended tea complete with cucumber sandwiches in England. The tables were sumptuously laid with fine china and cutlery, decorated with lovely flowers, stands were laden with little cakes, there were scones, cream and jam as well as delicately cut sandwiches. The waiters discreetly moved from table to table serving tea

Despite this feast I was the only one happily spreading cream and jam on my scones. The women seated at my table seemed to subscribe to the philosophy that you can never be too rich or too thin; their food remained untouched. They were all impeccably

taneity were notably scarce.

friendly company. Mind you, I lieved when they finally laid

like a fairytale."

from the exclusive kitchen-ware shop, Williams-Sonoma. be receiving two of everything. I asked if her wedding consul tant had made a mistake. "Oh no." I was told, "She's ordered two of everything. One set for her apartment in New York and the other for her new



she going to live?" I inquired. "On the Wentworth Estate," her friend and bridesmaid-tobe answered proudly. I obviously failed to give the right reaction. "Do you know the Wentworth Estate?" She pronounced it Went Worth. Again I looked blank. "It's supposed to be really beautiful, set on a golf course, and Fergie lives there." At that point, rather than risk alienating myself further by passing comment

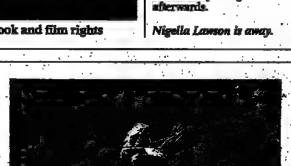
on that particular fairy princess, I excused myself for another nicotine fix.

In retrospect, Nicole, I certainly hope my cynicism about fairytale weddings and princesses did not cast an evil spell over what was to be your special day.

On the other hand, perhap I brought you good luck. Once your busy schedule has died down, maybe you'll find time to come to London. I'd love to invite you to a proper English tea, served in a mug, possibly along with a packet of Jaffa. Cakes and tell you how you have been saved from a life of

boredom. I mean, what twenty something girl in her right mind would want to swap the excitement of Manhattan for suburban Wentworth, Surrey. Besides, in Manhattan you get a much better class of





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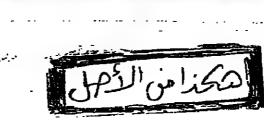
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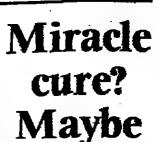
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Anjana Ahuja on alternative treatments

ASHLEY FALLON has a life quite unlike those of most five-year-old girts. She has suffered from eczema since she was three months old she scratches herself until she coal far bandages and pills just to get to sleep each night. Ashley's father left the family home recently, and a turbu-lent home life is thought to

plains that Ashley is "pre-scribed the same things over and over again". Not sur-prisingly, she is losing faith with conventional trentments. In desperation, the Pallons, from North London, have turned to homoeopathy, which works on the principle that a substance that causes iliness can cure when administered in very low quantities, Ashley is featured in Nata-

ral Born Healers (Channel 4. tomorrow, Spm), a series of documentaries on alternative therapies. Each programme ment, such as homocopathy, on one individual over finer months. Refreshingly, the se-ries does not show alternative therapists as miracle-workers. Instead, it explores the relationship between orthodox and complementary medi-cine, which involves sceptical GPs who must juggle their shrinking budgets wisely, al-ternative therapists who are immediate results fand rarely do) and desperate patient willing to try anything.

WITHUN times weeks of treat ment at the Royal London Homocopathic Hospital, Ashwas, Mrs Pallon, believes, her daughter's longest re in five years.

However, Dr Cornei Fless ing, the family's GP, who describes Ashley's condition as very bad, does not believe that homoeopathy can claim the credit. He says: "The kind ridiculous. It's the equivalent of dropping an aspirin in the Boulder Dam, and giving water to someone to drink to cure a headache." Ashley's improvement, he says, is because eczema waxes and waxes and the condition was ment. He also thinks positive thinking helped. "It's a sym-pathetic magic," he says.

His suspicions were con-irmed when the eczema flared up



# 'I do the washing-up'

Roger Scruton has views that put him at odds with fellow philosophers. Interview by **Jason Cowley** 

t is hard not to have an opinion about Roger Scruton, From the 30acre farm in Wiltshire he shares with his young wife, Sophie, 28 years his junior, the flame-haired Scruton launches missiles of disgust against what he sees as the ills of modernity. Single mothers, homosexuals, socialists, feminists, television, popular cul-ture: all find a place in his ministry of contempt.

There is considerable humour in Scruton's unashamed logeyism and reactionary zeal, but others don't always see it that way; he is widely ridiculed and traduced. The writer Ted Honderich calls him the "unthinking man's thinking man", John Haldane, a friend and fellow philosopher, comments on his "juvenile desire to infuriate", while others suggest that he holds views that would not disappoint the most. rancid London cabbie. And many have never forgotten his support of Enoch Powell, or his decision in the mid-1980s, as editor of the right-wing Salisbury Review, to publish an essay by Ray Honeyford lamenting the orthodoxy of multiculturalism.

Yet there is another, more interesting side that demands attention; he is a philosopher of remarkable range and seriourness. His new book, The Aesthetics of Music, is that rare thing: a work of scholarship that mounts a case for the mural significance of music, locating it as a characterforming discipline, and the decline of musical taste as a decline in morals. The work displays all his virtues as a. writer: the stylistic virtuosity, the courageous grappling with fundamental questions, the multi-disciplinary learning, the rhotorical flair.

His range and desire to address the ordinary, as well as specialist, reader is imporlusuphers - dry, technical and mired in minutiae - can appear to speak only to themselves. But Seruton has the nerve to be different, the talent to take risks and the courage to rail against received opinion - that, for instance, the abvirger nature of music defies meaning.

We meet in the small, untidy two-room flat he subjets from Alan Clark in Albany. Piccadilly, where Scruton, crouched ener a hotplate, is frying

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"I came back to Cambridge determined to reanimate a political outlook, which involved protecting and preserving things, not destroying them"

athletic, be looks younger than his 53 years. He is handsomely dishevelled. His skin is drawn so rightly across his pale face on his cheekbones. fazi Acat, w meskababat, bio-

firthweet Sephie Service, house while Scruton worked in his study. "But," Scruton coplains. "it is quite the opposite. I do the cooking, the washing-up and all that, and she works in her study." His expression remains sternly unsmiling. "I'm serious. It's a complete reversal of roles." As if to prove his point, he hands me a plate of sausages, cucumber and warm pitta bread, garnished with an excellent tic work," he says, striding, apple chutney he proudly

He met Sophie (née Jeffreys, half-sister to the Tory peer Lord Jeffreys], his second wife, while riding with the Beaufort and she stopped to help him. Sophie has very courteous, old-fashioned manners," he says, dreamily. They married

in December last year. There was an immediate intimacy between them, but their difference in age was a problem. Scrutton says: "We are both very romantic people so it took a long time before anything happened. She shares many of my interests, although she is not musical. She reads, but not philosophy. We got to know each other quietly, and realised that despite the age gap, which we

across the room. Tall, lean and claims to have made himself. discussed many, many times wanted to move out of her before making a move in any direction, that we were made for each other. I feel that very strongly. I do hope that we will cope as an older father."

> oger Scruton grew up in relative poverty in High Wycombe, son of a Labour-supporting primary school teacher. His parents had no car and could scarcely afford to go on holiday. He cryptically wrote about his boyhood and his late father in a little-read novel, Francesca. The narrative is refracted through the experiences of an aspirant provincial boy, Colin. who becomes obsessed with the daughter of the local aristocrat. But Colin, through a quirk of birth, is shut out from the world of upper-class manners he longs to emulate. Yet he retains a romantic attachment to the notion of an

older, more patrician England that his father despises. in that book," Scrutton agrees.
"He never went very far in life

because he never had any real qualifications. mother, by contrast, was lower middle-class and suburban; there was always class conflict between them of a particularly kind." Lawrentian

Scruton's route character' out of suburbia was familiar for many of his age and background: grammar variety of disciplines without school. "I went to a fantastic school, High Wycombe Royal Grammar School, which com-

dezely transformed my life. We never had any books at home, yet my school offered me a real education."

He won a science scholarship to Cambrdige, but quickly changed to philosophy. After graduating, he taught in France during the student riots of 1968. This was the defining political event of his life. I found what was happening intellectually disgraceful, and was appalled by the way people were pulling things down, beautiful and carefully made things, and putting nothing in their place. came back to Cambridge determined to reanimate a political outlook for the modern world, which involved protecting and preserving things, not destroying them."
He was disgusted, too, by

the promiscuity and drug culture of the late 1960s something he experienced through living with a group of "dropout druggies" in Rome. The house where I stayed was owned by the daughter of a wealthy publisher; she was going through a bad trip and

dismiss the evidence of Darroom and into the bathroom. winism — it seems to me to be was happy about this because obviously true." I needed lodgings. She fell in As Scruton surveys a conwith some hippies, the Living temporary cultural landscape

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unlikely to last."

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with someone, and saw the

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terms of jealousy about your

partner's past, you realised it

wasn't worth it. A relationship

clouded by previous ones is

that Scruton met his first wife,

which he believes so strongly

'I'm not sure," he says, sigh

than 20 years be-

with the idea of

marrying again."

Roger Scruton?

that he is not seri-

ous at all: that he

has squandered

the chance to make

an original contri-

bution to philosophy by dissipating his talent across a

This has led to charges of

thinker," says Haldane. "Most

philosophers have neither the

a single area. But his contribu-

tion to philosophy is not what

it might have been given his

abilities. He has the gift but

There is the problem, too, of

what I call this juvenile aspect

of his character; he is overly

quick with certain opinions.

and presents things in unhelp-

fully polemical ways. Had the

ruling orthodoxies of his day

been on the Right, I think we

might have found him on the

Last year Scruton retired

from academic life, his final

post being as a Professor of

Philosophy at Boston University. He spends most of his

time in Wiltshire, writing.

riding to hounds and playing the organ at church. He reveres the ritual and ornamen-

tation of religion, but is unable

to make that final Kantian

leap into faith. "I have a

scientific mind; I can't just

"He is a very interesting

It was during this period

"it's difficult to talk about all

swayed by his melancholy, long, withdrawing roar of Vietnam dropouts from New York. I saw the drug culture thing first-hand, and was sick-ened by the vaporous boringregret. "No intelligent person, who sees what television, viden and non music is doing to He concedes, though, that the minds of young people. sexual liberation seemed like a can be happy." Yet there are compensagood thing. "But as soon as you became seriously involved

tions. "I love my life with Sophie in the countryside: there are many things that renew themselves quietly behind the scenes which never make it to the television screen. And, of course, I still love my country." The Aesthetics of Music. Clar

endon Press. £35

### The new therapy painting pots The latest party accessory is a

paintbrush, says Katherine Miller

Summers. Girlie gatherings are no longer about peep-hole bras, but pots, brushes and paint Jamie Lee Curtis does it. Demi Moore's children are into it and as viewers of Friends already know, it's what every babe with a glamorous hairdo does on Monday evenings. It's even provided the backdrop for a recent episode of Caroline in the City.

The painting party, where guests decorate pots to their own design, has arrived in Britain from America, where as many as ten studios are opening each week. Customers choose a readymade earthenware paint it and collect it three days later, after it has been glazed and fired by the

What was begun four years ago as a one-off enterprise by a married couple in Los Angeles is now a flourishing franchise business with an estimated 700 American studios. Known in

the States as brush and biscuit shops, they get their name from bisque, an unglazed white porcelain. . This automn, Brosh'n' Bisque-It, Britain's first potpainting pad, was opened in Fulham, West London, by the former fashion executive Chantal d'Orthez.

The daughter of the late Vicomte d'Orthez, head of the eponymous French champagne-producing family, she came across the idea in Miami a year ago. "I'd just had a black and white kitchen fitted and couldn't find any ceramics to match. I walked into a biscuit shop and painted a couple of candlesticks. I had so much un that I we day for more."

Convinced she was on to a winner, d'Orthez set un her own studio in August She has already received inquiries from potential franchisees in Paris, and this week signed a deal for some 30 outlets to trade under the Brush'n'Bisque-It banner in The idea is already gain-

ing a celebrity following over here. Nanette Newman and her grandchildren are regular visitors to d'Orthez's shop. And d'Orthez says her

ove over Ann mother, Moira Lister, the veteran British actress, is one of Brush'n'Bisque-It's greatest fans: "She's putting the word around for me."

Her brainchild is already exciting interest from several City pals. Initially coy. they are now, to her amuse ment, reaching for their chequebooks "At the beginning I was small fry to these boys. Now I intend to build

up my empire." However, financial gain is not the only benefit: the repeated refrain heard one evening above the wineinduced giggles emanating from a party of well-spoken thirtysomething women was "Therapy, therapy, It's our therapy for the week." The mother of two young daughters, D'Orthez also

available for Ten more children's birthday parties, bravely accompainting modating up to 30 kids at a time. studios Parents are discouraged from open in interfering, with highly imagina-America tive results. "I don't hear a peep each week out of the children for two hours.

> I just let them go for broke," says d'Orthez, Painting completed, each little artist leaves with his or her own painted piece, a relief for parents who find themselves at a loss when it comes to providing goinghome presents.

> Large groups should book in advance, but many individuals simply wander in off the street, curious to see what goes on in the studio that d'Orthez commissioned from Peter Howitt and Clive Ross, the award-winning designers of the set for Roger Rabbit.

"I wanted something theatrical and bold, to give people ideas." she explains. "So many people haven't painted since O level', but each time they come, their ideas flow and their pieces get bigger and

Running her own show is a big step for d'Orthez, who tired of "the corporate-world bit" after working as head of fashion marketing for Marks & Spencer in South Africa. Above all, she says: 'This is a much more satisfying way to earn a living than sending out 25 interoffice memos every time you want a decision."



### that, but it wasn't very happy..." His voice trails away. Does he regret the failure of an institution in ing. "I was deeply troubled by the whole thing for many years afterwards. It was more fore I could cope The feeling persists among his critics ambition nor the aptitude to work, as he does, in more than not the interest 10 pursue philosophy into its details. WHY NOT GO OVERBOARD THIS CHRISTMAS? EXCLUSIVELY DESIGNED FISH PLNOIL SHARPENER 2395, SHELL PAPERKNISS 2475, AND STARTISH BOX \$150, FROM & UNIQUE BANGE OF STERLING SILVER GIFTS FROM GARRARD. \_ \_ \_ \_ GARRARD for searogue, detals of "frehest free arrangements and extended carestmas ependic hours.

### Put the local back into government

Councils may spend more if they deliver more, says John Prescott

Too often in the past two councils to focus wholeheartdecades, central govern-ment in Whitehall seemed to be waging war on local government in town halls. When Labour was elected on May I, we declared it was time to bury the hatcher. Whatever difficulties we faced - financial, social or environmental - we would face them together with local government, regardless of the party in charge in any particular

town hall Yesterday I announced the Government's proposals for local authority finance in the coming financial year. Overall, we propose that councils in England can spend an extra £1.78 billion on services — a rise of 3.8 per cent.

The last Government's spending plans implied a council tax increase of 7 per cent. By keeping within spending limits, that is the legacy we inherit. But actual council taxes in individual authorities will vary considerably, and we expect authorities to give full weight to what their taxpayers can afford. By providing an extra £835 million funding for education, we will relieve the pressure on councils.

This settlement is a bit more than many people expected. It is good news particularly for

schools, schoolchildren and parents, because the help we are giving to education reflects everyone's top priority.

In Government choices and finance is one of Everyone that we

promised to stick to the spending limits set by the last Government for this year and next, for the sake of the economy. But, within that constraint, we have a new and positive agenda. We want local government to thrive and to be reinvigorated. We want local people to become involved, to vote, to take part, to influence — not just to use the services. And we want local government to be appountable

I have told councils that they may spend more; this is not to ponsible, but to allow them to be responsive to their voters. I have also said, very clearly, that however much they propose to spend, they must consider whether local taxpayers can afford it. This is not an opportunity to return to the days of spiralling local taxes. The more responsible councils are, the easier it will be to progress to the removal of

capping in the next year or so. This week we will confirm the successful applicants for pilot schemes to try out proposals for obtaining best value in council services. The tired old approach of forcing councils to offer their services to outside contractors has not worked - too much time was spent on bureaucracy and not enough on the real aim, which is providing quality services at a price local taxpayers are

willing to pay.
The question which should be at the heart of all government is this: how best can we ensure the quality of life The authoreople deserve? We want Minister.

edly on that.

Yesterday I also announced that the way local government resources are allocated is being changed in order to reflect a fairer distribution throughout the country. The old social and economic indices ranked leafy Kingston upon Thames as having the same level of disadvantage as embattled Barnsley - an obvious nonsense that we have tackled. A guest at the Ritz, although a welcome visitor to London, will no longer be treated in local government finance terms as if he or she is a deprived local resident in a council block. We are also ensuring a better distribution of services, providing more resources for education, community care and the fire

services. Last week Lord Hunt of Tanworth introduced a Bill which will allow councils to experiment with different forms of democratic structure. We support these proposals. Hilary Armstrong, Minister for Local Government, is in the middle of a series of seminars being held with councils, the voluntary sector. businesses and other opinion formers, debating how we can encourage greater participa-

government. We are talking The removal about the possibiliof capping ty of electing maydirectly. depends on making decisioncouncils taking more accountable, and behaving sharpening up the scrutiny of those responsibly decisions. We are

also considering ways of encouraging young people to become involved, as well as tapping in to minority communities.

This month we will start to consult on different aspects of local government and we plan a White Paper next year. The White Paper will also include proposals on local government electoral reform. In parallel, a Home Office group will consider other steps to improve the turnout in elections: for example, can we move the traditional Thursday voting day to one more suited to possible to vote electronically, perhaps even in the local supermarket, without having to visit a polling station?

ver the past seven months, relations beteween central and local government have improved considerably. We have been working with, and will continue to work with, the Local Government Association; Cabinet colleagues and I have already met them twice to discuss such issues as a better deal for lone parents and Welfare to Work.

We believe in local government. It is an aim of the Labour Party's constitution to empower people to take decinext will be tough financially. But we have taken the first steps to reinvigorate local democracy and restore a proper relationship between central

and local government. The author is Deputy Prime



### Irvine's cardinal error

ny fool can see what is happening. We are back in 1520. The Lord Chancellor thinks he is Cardinal Wolsey. The Prime Minister cuts a dash as the young Henry VIII. A Field of the Cloth of Gold is prepared for Britain's European presidency next year. England is to stand proud with the finest of France, Rome and the Habsburgs, truly a force at the heart of Europe, its court the marvel of the world. Oh, the splendour of it all. And even Dame Hubris is silent, save

Lord Irvine of Lairg says he was joking when he compared himself to Wolsey. We would have laughed had there not been an aptness in the reference. His lordship is not yet Archbishop of York, Bishop of Lin-coln, Bishop of Winchester and papal legate. But he must be patient. So it was in jest that he told the Reform Club that he admired Wolsey's role in "encompassing politics, religion, the economy and even military affairs". As for his liking for the discretionary Star Chamber Court, we shall treat it

for the occasional roar of a racing car.

As for his lordship's boasted relationship with his pupil and master, Tony Blair, it is simple truth. He may despise the pettiness of his fellow ministers and mean to use the Great are a second-rate bunch. He wants to oversee a constitutional change that is "the most ambitious and wideranging in Britain this century". Don't we all? Besides, Lord Irvine is building at public expense a new Hampton Court "au bord de la rivière" at Westminster. Its wallpaper alone cost £60,000. A man's ambitions must be a match for his

wallpaper. Lord Irvine is clearly deaf to the fate of his illustrious predecessor. Yet there is another Chancellor at the court of King Tony. Gordon Brown may lack the glamour of a Woisey. not to mention the wallpaper of an Irvine, but he overreaches them both

Mr Brown has no Great Seal but he has the Great Budget. Whatever Lord Irvine thinks he is doing. Mr Brown actually does. Whatever Lord Irvine proposes, Mr Brown disposes. Lord Irvine may sit on a thousand committees, but his sear is stuffed with wool. Mr Brown's seat is stuffed with cash.

With characteristic modesty, Lord lrvine pointed out that four of his predecessors were created saints. He went on to discuss his forthcoming The Lord Chancellor may fancy himself a

Wolsey — but Brown holds the purse strings

legal aid reforms. After years of Treasury complaints about the runaway legal aid budget, the Lord Chancellor's Department has finally cracked. It is about to abandon civil legal aid in favour of "no win, no fee" agreements. Civil aid has been a lawyer's sinecure to rank with the most luxuriant of monastic houses. Mr Brown has had enough. He is dissolving it. He wants the money, and Lord Irvine's fat friars are out on their butts, to earn their bread in the

woods and fields. All the Lord Chancellor's saintliness, all his Committees and Seals.

his Woolsacks. wands, wigs, wallpaper, silk and ermine will not save his friends. An entire profession, that of civil law, is beingtransformed by executive fiat from offering impartial advice for a fee to being an entrepre

neurial business. The incentive profit will not be the quality of legal advice but the wealth of the opposing litigant or his insurer. To save the Treasury money, the cost of law will soar. The reason is simply that the Lord Chancellor's Department has not devised a way of rationing legal aid in civil cases. The Treasury is chucking out a most important welfare state principle, that of helping the poor to justice, with the

bathwater of uncontrolled spending. Slowly the character of the new Government is emerging from the past six months' presentational fog. its instinct to centralism, above all its concentration of power on Nos 10 and 11 Downing Street, is identical to that of the last Government. Lord Irvine may dream of recovering a role long ceded by his department to others. He may inveigh against feuding departments and seek devolution. He may long for a role at a place that he variously calls the "cusp", the "interface" and the "chief conduit" of government. But these are dreams of grandeur, the fantasies of a committee man, not of a potent politician. He may be a friend of power but he is essentially an outsider, Eliot's "atten-

dant prince, one that will do/to swell

a progress, start a scene or two".

Labour's most crucial decision in Opposition, ardently advocated by Mr Brown, was to keep to the old Tory spending targets. There might be squeezes here and relief there, but continuity was the rule. Mr Blair thereby gave himself a discipline over Cabinet and followers unknown to such spendthrifts as Harold Wilson in 1964 and Margaret Thatcher in 1979. He also delegated real political power to Mr Brown, to determine any variants in Treasury targets that he felt the (Conservative) budget

could sustain. While Mr Blair trips

the light fantastic round the world's photo-opportunities, it is Mr rown who burns ige must be courted the keys to the door

David Blunkett and Frank Dobson with a little extra for schools and hospitals last summer. It was Mr Brown who seized the National Lottery and is tearing up its "arm's length" distribution system. He has acquired what the lottery was never meant to be, a straight levy on a nationalised gaming monopoly. The Social Security Secretary, Harriet Harman, has to do the dirty work of defending his decision on single mothers' allowances. He announces the pill-sugaring, the gifts to after-school clubs, community projects,

fitness centres and lone parent playgroups.

At the weekend the Government acted to protect the cash for this benign centralism. It said it would ban rival "good cause" lotteries such as Pronto, launched last Saturday. There is no reason why the State should have a monopoly of big-prize lotteries. Pronto is to be banned on the ground that it might cause gambling addiction, a consideration that applies equally to the Treasury's Camelot scratchcards. But Mr Brown is no fool. He gets the plaudits for the lottery playgroups, and does

not want Pronto muscling in.

Irvine's chosen territory of constitu-tional reform. Mr Brown fought to keep the Welsh and Scottish grant formulas under central control. He is fighting to prevent the London mayor and assembly from having an independent source of revenue. If John Prescott wants to give London's new government money from road tolls, parking charges, lines or residents' discs, the Treasury will define that money as a tax, and either bag it or ban it. To Mr Brown the only good tax is one which the Treasury receives and he can be credited with spending. It was so under the Tories. It is so

Yesterday the environment team was sent out to defend Mr Brown's refusal to honour the manifesto pledge to end the central capping of local taxes. The piedge arose from (old) Labour's resistance to Margaret Thatcher's war on local government. "Local decision-making," said the manifesto, "should be less constrained by central government and more accountable to local people." But not yet. The nobility of Opposition is forgotten amid the seductions

under new Labour.

Testerday in the Commons and on this page today, the Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott refuses to promise an end to rate-capping, the single most outrageous offence against local democracy in Britain. Already Oxfordshire and Somerset have been ratecapped to meet Treasury spending targets. They are hardly Militant leftwingers. Deep down, the present Government trusts the electorate no more than did the last.

Wolsey would have roared with. laughter. He would take this band of scoundrels to his heart. He knew not to trust the territorial barons when it came to money. Like the Treasury, he would treat the fact that today's barons are elected by the people as prima-facie evidence of venality. What can commoners understand of

the interest of the realm? Yet both Lord Irvine and Mr Brown have one advantage over Cardinal Wolsey. They know what became of him. There is one man whom no Chancellor dare outshine, one higher sun in the firmament of power. He must always be appeased. "Run up-another palace, Sir Terence. Only the best cloth of gold for the French. And, look at my calf, Gordon, how well it is turned. And irvine, look you to Mistress Boleyn. Is she not fair?"

### Alan Coren



Count on all those Wongs to make me write

Today is a very big day for me. It is the last time ! shall use the word Crickleyood. That is because there are 1.6 billion Chinese aboard this planet, and none of them can pronounce it. It is also the last time I shall get off a cheap crack at pronunciation.

I have taken this momentous decision because I wish to get on the right side of Gordon Brown. It is the only side to be on: there is nothing for me on the left side of Gordon Brown, since I am neither young enough to qualify for a childcare club nor old enough to qualify for a subsi-dised gastire; but while that is just about all there is on Mr Brown's left side, his right side is a goldmine, and, with a bit of luck, I could soon find myself sitting on it.

Any moment now I could become a creative industrialist; because Mr Brown not enly wants me to go into industry, he wants industry to go into me. He said so in his thrilling pre-Budget statement. He said he was eager for the creative arts to become a major plank of economic policy. That is why he is setting up a Creative Industries Taskforce, to chuck a billion lottery pounds at artists applying for grants from a brand new muse called Nesta. She is the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts, and, even as I type, I feel her presence hovering by my screen. can smell her gravy.

In order to dip my bread in it. however, I shall have to do my part. I can no longer at here banging stuff out for the domes tic market, since that will never enrol me as a plank in our economic policy; what Gordon Brown wants is for me to become an international player. he wants me to commend myseli irresistibly to overseas buyers, he wants me to bring foreign currency rolling in. He wants me to write exports.

Not easy, in my game. Were I a Parker or a Minghella, a Hirst or a Hockney, a Spice or a Gallagher, a Riverdancer or a Sleep, a Conran or a Foster, a Rattle or a Birtwistle, a Ken or an Emma, then the world would be my oyster; it would beat a path to my door, as only an oyster can, and it would be bearing big fat pearls, for me and for Gordon. slice sheep, I neither sing music nor dance to it, I do not design or conduct or compose or act, I do not, in short, engage in any of those industrial processes fortunate enough to transcend frontiers by speaking the common language of all humankind. I sit in a loft in the marginal parish of Cricklewood and engage in an industrial process unfortunate enough to transcend nowhere by speaking a language which daily grows less common even to those for whom it was designed.

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You wouldn't believe how Y ghim, after the Chancel-for sat down, this made me. It wasn't merely the matter of disqualification from Nesta's largesse, it was also the matter of not being able to march behind Mr Brown towards the broad sunny uplands of economic triumph. How I wanted to play my part in creating the New Britain, attracting, by my industry, huge sackfuls of foreign cash to shorten waiting lists, fund schools, build homes, and make the trains run on time! But what international demand could there be for a

Cricklewood wag?

And thus the melancholy days passed - until it was time for one of them to be Sunday, or, as it subsequently became, yesterday. The day, as you will instantly have calculated, before my very big day; and the day which made my very big day the way it is. For if was on Sunday that as I listlessly turned the tomage of newsprint, I spotted a downpage snippet which hurled me instantly from that listlessness. Did you perhaps see it, too? Did you also learn that English is now under-stood by one Chinese in ten? And did you work out how many Chinese that is?

It is the answer to a wag's prayer, that's how many it is. As soon as she has moved in behind her till. I shall ask Nesta for my grubstake. It will take the form of a ticket to Beijing, and the lease on a loft in one of its marginal suburbs, where I shall wait for marginal things as happen to me, jot them all down as waggishly as I am able, and, when enough have been jotted as cobble into a book, flog a copy to each and every one of China's 160 million clamouring Anglophones. Then I shall come back home again, with a pearly whistle to my lip, a parrot on any shoulder, and a diddy-box full of cash for Mr Brown

### Jimmy riddle

SIR JIMMY GOLDSMITH is being taunted by Brussels beyond the grave. His European HQ has just been buildozed by builders working for the European Parliament. The entire contents of the fully operational office — filing cabinets, secret reports, a portrait of Jimmy — now lie under rubble. Blithely, the European Parliament insists that it was a mistake. Eurosceptics who tipped up for a meeting were staggered as they searched through dust for documents. They fear foul play. Moving MEPs into the

new building, dubbed Caprice des Dieux (the Folly of the Gods) and part of a El.2 billion redevelop-ment, has been a fiasco. The Belgian authorities have begun a criminal investigation into alleged corruption in awarding contracts for the new Parliament buildings. So why was it bulldozed? An internal inquiry revealed that builders had worked from the wrong plans. Among those unim-pressed is his old mucker John Aspinall. "I bet the builders enjoyed themselves. Sir James was a torpedo who wanted to wreck the Euro bureaucracy and now they have destroyed his legacy."

#### Sloe burn

STALWARTS of the Cavalry and Guards club guiped their sloe gins this week as they spotted a Sinn Fein MP saunter in. The club was the favourite watering hole of Ian



Old pals: Goldsmith, Aspinall

Gow, the Tory MP murdered by the IRA in 1990.

Caoimhghin O Caolain joined a little get-together on Tuesday as guest of the British-Irish Inter-Par-liamentary Body. Buoyed by meeting earlier Northern Ireland Secretaries Merlyn Rees and Peter Brooke, O Caolain passed two guardsmen in full regalia and drank under watchful portraits of retired British generals. "He looked rather uncomfortable, and



hurrumphing member. "Daniel in Gow used to haul MPs there for "a bowl of sherry", and left its Be-nevolent Fund £1,000. Normally the club is discerning about whom it lets in. It spurned James Hewitt.

■ PROMISING news for theatreland. The ennobled tunesmith Lord Lloyd-Webber has put down a written question asking "Her Majesty's Government whether it will seek to end activities which cause noise pollution.

**Fade out** DAVID PUTTNAM's film career has reached its final cut. The ambitious Labour peer is folding up his producer's chair to concentrate on his campaign to become a big but-ton in the BBC. As recently as July. the man who brought us Chariots of Fire was burning to produce three exciting new films. "My movie days are declining. I doubt that I can juggle the two careers," he says. "I have just finished a lovely film called My Life So Far, which will come out next year, and that could be it."

Before the election there was talk of Lord Puttnam becoming Culture Secretary. For now, it is believed, he would settle for being deputy chairman of the BBC. A Labour peer will be required to fill the vacancy early next year. The job is within Tony Blair's gift. And Blair likes Lord Puttnam. Simple.



"H mmm, looks like snow

 AFTER welcoming Baroness Thatcher and other right-wing. icons into No 10, Tony Blair is circumspect about greeting Newt Gingrich, US House Speaker, who arrives in London today. The PM will meet the hardman at his Commons office — far more discreet than Downing Street.

Nor has he been idle in Lord

#### Polo mint

SUSAN BARRANTES, the Duchess of York's mother, is teaming up with Peter Cadbury, big in choco-late, to offer polo lessons in Argen-tina and Britain. Mrs Barrantes who, I gather, is called Granny II by her grand-daughters. Prin-cesses Beatrice and Eugenie, because their other granny is the Queen — had looked into setting up a polo school with her late husband Hector at their ranch, El Pucara. "Peter's family has a beautiful estate in Oxfordshire so we can organise exchanges," she says. A pukka plan.

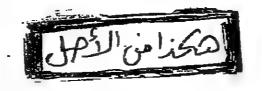
**■ LAETITIA MAKLOUF wants to** make babies. To prove her point she will appear on a Channel 4 documentary. The Myth of Too Many, which debunks the Malthusian view that we will be overrun by the patter of tiny feet. She will appear as a surreal continuity woman sprawled across a grand

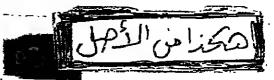


Baby talk: Lactitia Maklouf

piano singing Making Whoopee, d la Michelle Pfeiffer in The Fabr-lous Baker Boys. "Everyone should produce as many children as possible because it's fun." gushes Laetitia, who trundles a tea urn for her day job. "Friends want to own conglomerates, but having children is more difficult. You have to find a husband first." No applications via here, please

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#### IN A CLOUD

Where historic freedoms for press and people are threatened

weakness common among per- the argument that this would introduce a sons of strong intellect and wide interests is a conviction that because they are right about many things, they are right about everything. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, both understands many areas of public life and has refreshing ideas about them. He does not, however, understand the dangers in statutory control of the press.

On the evidence of his own words, he has not understood why and how a clause of the Human Rights Bill now before Parliament could constrict both the freedom of the press in this country and the avenues of redress against abuses of that freedom which are now widely and freely open to all. Because he appears not even to recognise that a problem exists, he has resisted amendments to the Bill that could diminish that risk.

The Prime Minister and other members of the Government do understand. They recognise that newspapers are privately owned institutions which fulfil a historic role as a free watchdog over the public interest. They are equally clear about their purpose in incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights, which is to make it easier for British citizens to seek legal redress in this country's courts against abuses of power by the State and the public bodies which act in its name. Lord Irvine by contrast, so clear about so many things, is here in a cloud.

The heart of the problem is the conflict in the Convention between Article 10, which with various qualifications lays down the right "to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority", and Article 8, which sets out "the right to respect for privacy". When there is conflict between these ideals, who decides? If the courts make the decisions, the effect of incorporation will be - contrary to the Government's reiterated intention - to introduce a law of privacy and impede the investigation of abuses of power.

Until recently, the Cabinet has been convinced, on Lord Irvine's advice, that this could not be the case because the Bill had no bearing on private bodies such as the media. In this respect the critical section of the Bill is Clause 6, which makes it "unlawful for a public authority to act in a way which is incompatible with one or more of the Convention rights".

This wording already gives cause for concern. The phrase "one or more" could invite a court judgment based on only one of the rights laid down in the Convention. That could free a judge of the requirement, for example, to strike a balance between freedom of information and the right to privacy. We accept that this is not the intention of Lord Irvine, who insists that the courts will be required to give freedom of expression "its due high value". But the Government has yet to accept Lord Simon of Glaisdale's amendment removing this

ambiguity. It should do so. There is even greater ambiguity about whether a "public authority" is restricted to institutions with clear statutory functions, such as government bureaucracies and the courts themselves, or whether its net spreads wider. As drafted, the list is inclusive and embraces "any person certain of whose functions are of a public nature". When he introduced the Bill last month, Lord Irvine took the view that this did not cover either newspapers or the Press Complaints Commission (PCC). This independent body, currently chaired by Lord Wakeham and set up and funded by newspapers, oversees the self-regulation of the press and takes up

complaints from the public. The Lord Chancellor has now changed his mind and affirmed in the House of Lords that "the press might well be held to be 'a function of a public nature" within the meaning of the Act. PCC rulings would thus be open to court challenge; and newspapers would be subject to interim injunctions, on privacy grounds, that could delay publication for years. These would offer the powerful and those who would abuse their power many new and wide opportunities to impede investigative journalism.

Although Lord Irvine has changed his mind, he is currently not disposed to alter the Bill. He dismisses as of little consequence

privacy law by the back door. He argues that a judge-made law of privacy is developing regardless of incorporation. That may be so. But it is no ground for framing such a law, and speeding its growth, as an unintended by-product of this legislation. He is unsym-pathetic to Lord Wakeham's argument that to bring the PCC within the scope of the Bill would harm the interests of ordinary people. He claims that the press should welcome the 'good news" as an incentive to "strengthen" its system of self-regulation - including empowering the PCC to impose fines.

This is the language of Orwell. This good news is bad news. Fines and other so-called strengthenings, which include proposals of a purely lay PCC that excluded press representatives, would be weakenings. They would destroy the combination of practicality and consensus that are the current system's strength. The PCC's official status would then, Lord Irvine claims, make the courts less inclined to intervene. Since they would not otherwise have had the power to do so, this is chopped logic; and it betrays a deep misunderstanding of the point of selfregulation and the way in which it works.

For most people, going to law is so ruinously expensive that it is out of the question. For them, the Press Complaints Commission is the only practical avenue to obtain satisfaction when they feel that a newspaper has intruded on their privacy, published an untruth or been unfair and has failed to respond to their complaints. The PCC, a mixed committee of editors and laymen, has no legal powers and can impose no fines. It is less a regulator than a conciliator. In the great majority of cases, it succeeds. The newspapers which subscribe to it bind themselves to respect a PCC ruling that they have broken the industry's voluntary code of practice, to make amends by printing its judgment, apologising or

publishing corrections or balancing articles. This system of redress works because it is voluntary. Lord Irvine is too seasoned a lawyer to believe that newspapers will readily concede that they have been wrong if to do so would open them up to subsequent court cases or financial penalties. They would be far more likely to tell complainants to take them to court. The rich might well do so; the rest could not. The proposed "no win, no fee" system would be little help, because few cases, above all of intrusions into privacy, are so clear-cut that they would stand a sufficient prospect of winning their case.

here is still time for Tony Blair and Chris Smith, the Secretary for Culture, Media and Sport, to provide a remedy. The Cabinet is now aware of the unintended consequences of this Bill. Its members should listen to Lord Wakeham, whose concern is the same as theirs — to help the people of this country to protect their rights as laid down by the Convention - and build in the necessary safeguards. Statements intended to guide the courts as to Parliament's intentions, however strong and even if uttered by the Prime Minister, will be helpful, but not sufficient. Judges may draw on what has been said in Parliament when interpreting the law; but they are not obliged to do so.

The one safe course is to exclude the PCC and the media from the purview of the Act. The Government should then explicitly include an affirmation of the public interest in freedom of information in the Freedom of Information Bill to be published next year. Lord Irvine may well be right that these two small safeguards will not impede the development of a judge-made privacy law, building on existing laws of confidence, protection from harassment and trespass. But this would be an evolutionary process which Parliament could and should watch, as will the Press.

Even if it is amended in this way, the Human Rights Bill will shift the balance between Parliament and the courts, to an extent that may take some years to become evident. That is all the more reason to act decisively to prevent it from restricting, right from the start and as if by accident, freedoms that have for centuries distinguished this country in the world.

#### THE ROBINSON PLAN

Less pain for some savers, pain and irritation for others

Labour no longer taxes the rich simply for fun or from envy. But under today's New Austerity, the well-off can no longer expect to keep tax breaks that have little rational justification. Yesterday they discovered that their tax-free savings were to be capped in the interests of persuading poorer people to invest. Their Peps may squeak, but the existing regime is hard to defend.

Nearly half the adult population has no savings at all. Yet today's workers will not be able to rely on the welfare state to underwrite their old age. People on low incomes have so far been deterred from using tax-free saving schemes such as Peps and Tessas because they seemed too complicated, too risky or too rigid. Peps, which have to be invested in shares, are not suitable for those who can only spare the odd £10 at a time. Tessas, which are interesthearing accounts, tie the saver's money up for five years. Isas, by contrast, can be very simple up to £1,000 a year can be put in aninterest-bearing account, with none of the risks that stock market investment carries. A further £4,000 can be invested in shares or bonds. They will also be flexible, since the money can be taken out at any time.

The Government hopes to double the number of people with tax-free savings accounts to 12 million. If people who have never saved before begin to learn the habit, they may find the prospect of starting a stakeholder pension less daunting.

About 10 per cent of existing Pep holders have holdings of more than £50,000. They will certainly have to pay more tax, and such a change will not be welcome. But Peps were introduced to encourage both wider share ownership and savings. Those couples who already have £100,000 in Peps between them hardly need such an incentive.

The irritation will have been exacerbated vesterday by the minister chosen to preside over the launch, Geoffrey Robinson, the multimillionaire Paymaster General, who has just been exposed as a beneficiary of an offshore trust designed to avoid British tax. This man works for a Chancellor who has openly decried such tax avoidance measures. For him to tell savers who have kept their money in Britain that they should be penalised was hypocritical in the extreme. If Labour wants to make the middle classes suffer further, it could learn to serve the pain in a more sensitive way.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Search for fairness through a national minimum wage

Sir, Why does the Government want

to introduce legal constraints upon

voluntarily agreed contracts of em-

ployment? If the prospective employee

doesn't believe that he will be better

off if he accepts the job, he doesn't have to accept it. If he does believe that

he will be better off, then why should

at least a minimum amount of money

to live on, whether they can find a job

that will provide it or not, then taxa-

tion must be used to fund a benefits

system that will achieve this without

the positive disincentives to work as-

sociated with the present system.

If it is right that everyone deserves

the Government stop him?

change rate).

Yours faithfully,

November 28.

JOHN HEALEY,

House of Commons.

From Mr H. F. Harte

From Mr John Healey, MP for Wentworth (Labour)

Sir. While unions have been in the forefront of arguments for a minimum wage for many years, the new legislation is not about the interests of trade unions. Only one in ten of those earning less than £4 an hour is in a union and the vast majority of those who will gain from a minimum wage are not trade union members.

So much for your statement (leading article, November 28) that the national minimum wage rate Bill reveals the Prime Minister and his team as "the slaves of some defunct trade unionist"

You also raise concerns about possible impact on jobs by citing DTI esti-mates that L8 million jobs may be lost under a minimum wage. That figure, prepared for the previous Govern-ment, assumes that half of all those employed in the UK would maintain their present differential with the lowest-paid workers and that the only adjustment employers would make to a minimum wage is to cut jobs. Unsurprisingly, this wild estimate has been very widely dismissed, including by the CBI.

While the economic cycles in most other European Union states are out of sync with Britain's, as at present, you could more usefully have examined the US — which is, after all, the model that many who might oppose a minimum wage eye with envy and wish to emulate - where unemployment last month was 4.7 per cent. The US minimum wage is \$5.15 (£3.49)

Defence procurement

Sharman, Director General of the

Defence Manufacturers' Association

Sir, Mr Tony Purton (letter, Novem-

ber 29) claims that most of the prob-

lems in defence procurement can be

laid at the door of industry and the

failure of the MoD to enforce its con-

tractual position. Yet year after year the annual report into MoD procure-

ment projects by the National Audit

Office notes that the major reasons for

delays and cost overruns are specifica-

tion changes, programme alterations

and budgeting adjustments within the

Industry does not wish to absolve it-

self, and acknowledges that it can do

better. But it is hugely successful both

at home and in the export market,

where its customers are more than

satisfied. Mr Purton is correct that

Challenger II will be late into service,

but industry has met the full cost of ex-

tra development. Challenger is now a

superb tank and far better, even by

the standards of the day, than any of

its British predecessors, all of which

were designed and built by the MoD

industry sincerely believes that

modern industrial practices which ap-

ply in commercial business (Airbus is

a good example), if adopted for de-

fence projects could offer real time

and cost benefits. This needs a "part-nership" approach. Fortunately, the

new defence ministers and senior pro-

curement MoD staff do not share Mr

Defence Manufacturers' Association.

Sir, The fact that Welsh farmers are

picketing the ports to prevent the im-

port of cheap Irish beef exports is par-

British beef exports remain subject to a ban, imposed on us by the EU, be-

cause of the incidence of BSE. Yet the

number of cases in UK herds is rapid-

ly declining. By contrast, the number of cases of BSE in the Irish Republic is

on the increase. The number reported

to date has already exceeded that

which caused the ban on Swiss beef

exports, yet no restrictions have been

This is another example of the

Carlton, Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

Sir, So now even imprisoned rapists

can sue for libel those who seek the

help of the authorities (report, Novem-

ber 28). It's time to ask whether we can

In the US, no public figure can call

on the law of libel, yet American

politicians don't drown in defamation.

Elsewhere in Europe, libel is a minor

crime with fines often of the order of

£100, yet Europeans are not reeling

Defamation law benefits no one but

lawyers and rogues - whether the

rapist in prison or the Robert Maxwell

shielding his dirty deals from investi-gation. We don't need it.

6 Eton Court, 6 Shepherds Hill, No.

under barrages of smears.

Yours faithfully,

November 28.

GEORGE STERN,

tolerate defamation law any longer.

placed on Irish beef

Yours faithfully,

Bank Farm,

December 1.

JANIE AXELRAD.

Defamation law

From Mr George Stern

Purton's outdated opinions.

a.sharman@the-dma\_org.uk

Irish beef exports

From Mrs Janie Axelrad

Yours sincerely, ALAN SHARMAN,

Marlborough House,

Director General.

Grayshott, Surrey.

December 1.

MnD itself

From Major-General Alan

Yours faithfully, H. F. HARTE, Leafield, Dunsells Lane. Ropley, Hampshire. November 28.

> From the Minister of State. Department of Trade and Industry

Sir. The national minimum wage is not about the appeasement of socalled "ghosts of Labour past", as you

Sensibly set, it will help achieve our twin goals — to end poverty pay and help industry provide skilled and pro-

ductive jobs — and it will bring the scandal of poverty pay to a richly de-served end. Rates of £1.82 an hour for at the purchasing power parity exa security guard and less than £100 per week for a garage attendant working a 40-hour week are simply unac-

ceptable in this day and age. The minimum wage, which is an integral part of our campaign to move people off welfare and into work, will provide a universal floor for pay. It will encourage competition on quality and productivity; it will promote work incentives; and it will provide people with the skills and opportunities to move into work.

That is why the principle is supported by all sectors of industry, and by employers and employees alike.

Yours etc, IAN McCARTNEY, Department of Trade and Industry, l Victoria Street, SWI. November 28.

From Mr David Baker

Sir, In today's leading article on the minimum wage you raise the question of how often the rate is to be raised and on what basis.

One basis that must not be used is by comparison with the average wage. By imposing a minimum wage the average wage is automatically raised and a spiral of continually raised minimum wage is set in motion.

Yours sincerely. D. T. BAKER. Hollyhocks. 9 Larkfield Road, Farnham. Surrey. November 28.

able housing trust. It consists of elder-

ly married couples and widows living

in sheltered housing whose occupa-

tional pensions and, in some cases,

savings just remove them from any

entitlement to housing benefit, yet

leave them struggling to pay the enormous "affordable" rents — £60-plus a

week - charged by most sheltered

schemes. Their neighbours on income

support receive housing benefit for all

but the heating element of the rent

and, if they are prudent, can on occa-

sion afford to go on a Saga holiday.

My "real poor" would love to be

sent that £50 Christmas heating

#### Targeting tax

From Mr D. R. Bishop

Sir, A 10p starting rate for income tax need not "benefit undeserving rich and deserving poor alike" (leading article, November 26; see also letter, November 27). A 10 per cent band could be clawed back, beginning at any income level chosen by the Government (the start of standard rate?) in exactly the same way that the higher income tax reliefs for those over 65 are clawed back at present.

Since this technique is already applied, it cannot be argued that it would introduce an unacceptable complication.

Yours faithfully, D. K. BISHO! The Ropewalk, Hauxton Road, Little Shelford, Cambridge. November 27.

From Major John FitzGerald

Sir, General Mike Reynolds (letter, November 27) is right to castigate both past and present Governments for failing to target those truly in need. However, I should like to remind him. and his Chancellor, of the existence of a group I choose to call the real poor. I came across this group during my second career with a national charit-

From Mr Geoffrey Bremner Sir, I suggest that pensioners who feel

JOHN FITZGERALD.

68 Heworth Village, York.

uncomfortable about receiving an extra £20 (not to speak of the extra £10) which they don't really need might like to send it to one of the charities concerned with the aged.

Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY BREMNER. Gillmour House. Blennerhasset, Carlisle, Cumbria.

#### Zimbabwe land seizure

From Mr Gerald D. Slessenger

Sir, I read with some sadness of Mr Mugabe's plan to seize land in Zimbabwe, mainly from white farmers (report, November 29). His justification appears to be the old scapegoat of "colonialism", and I understand he requested funds from the British Government to reimburse those whose land he intends to seize. May I ask whether he would therefore consider reimbursing the

British people for the millions of pounds invested in Zimbabwe during colonial days, in terms of railways, buildings, roads, telephones, etc., all of which are being used by Zimbabweans today? It seems to me that if Tony Blair

wished to seize land rightfully belonging to others in this country there would be an uproar. Surely the rules of democracy must be applied with equity, or is Zimbabwe not a democracy after all?

Yours faithfully, G. SLESSENGER, 22 South Drive, Cheam, Surrey.

#### A trade revived? contradictions involved in the BSE

From Miss Denise Haylor Sir, I read with interest your report of

November 29 on the unearthing of ochre pigment in the Clearwell caves near Coleford in Gloucestershire. I visited these caves some seven

years ago and discovered from the samples of warm yellow othre which I obtained there that the paint was ideally suited in colour and character to the restoration of a stone-coloured interior of a listed building.

Perhaps a number of our quarries and remaining mines that can produce ochre as a by-product of their industry might consider reviving this historic trade.

Yours faithfully, DENISE HAYLOR (Historic interiors adviser). Dallyn House, 3 Avenue Road, Staines, Middlesex. November 29.

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#### **Status of Southport**

From Mr Graham Olsen

Sir, Your report on Southport's failed bid for its own unitary town council (November 26) presumably reflects the prejudices of campaigners, but they are surely naive if they think that a change in administrative boundaries is going to influence local dialects, or that boundary changes should be based either on dialect or average income.

Southport has high unemployment (higher than some suburbs within the Liverpool City boundary), and anyone familiar with the town will be aware that a short distance from the shopping area shown in your photograph. the housing is typically terraced, like that in your photograph of Bootle.

The apparently derogatory use of the term "Scouser" is an insult to Liverpudlians, and to those hundreds of thousands of Scandinavian emigrants to the United States who stayed in Liverpool a century ago, and left their national dish "Lapskaus" as a perma-nent memorial to their passage.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM OLSEN (Assistant City Engineer, Liverpool, 1989-91). 7 Bishops Court, Woolton, Liverpool 25. graham.olsen@dial.pipex.com

From the Chairman of United Realty Crowngate Ltd

Sir, If your report on Southport had appeared a day later, a different picture might have been painted.

Yesterday evening my company was granted detailed planning permission for a £25 million leisure/retail development, linking the seafront with the town centre and including a "state of the art" waterpark. Further local improvements involve, among other things, the completion of European-funded sea-wall defences and a 56 million refurbishment of the pier.

Far from neglecting Southport, Sefton council has been active at all levels and across party political divides in promoting these measures, as have the current and former MPs. The improvements will create inward investment in excess of £50 million, on behalf of a hinterland population of some 13 million people, within two

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL MOSS, Chairman, United Realty Crowngate Limited, 12 Harley Street, W1. November 27.

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#### Tobacco adverts a threat to young

From Professor David Baum, President of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. and others

Sir, The majority of adults who smoke start in adolescence. Cigarette smoking among girls and boys is signifi-cantly influenced by advertising. Smoking during pregnancy has a profoundly deleterious effect on the un-born child and her/his subsequent development. Cigarette smoking is the major cause of avoidable ill-health and premature death created in the 20th century. All this is well known.

For these reasons, on behalf of the children and young people of the UK. we urge the Government to turn its back on sponsorship of Formula One motor racing, take the lead at the forthcoming EU Council of Health Ministers and secure a directive imposing a comprehensive ban on all to-

bacco advertising and promotion.

At the birth of the 21st century, this

would indeed be le grand prix. Yours faithfully, DAVID BAUM, President, Royal College of Paediatries and Child Health. JACKIE CARNELL Director, The Community Practitioners and Health Visitors Association, DAVID ELLIMAN, Convenor, British Association for Community Child Health, PHILIP GRAHAM. Chair, The National Children's Bureau, CHRISTINE HANCOCK. General Secretary, Royal College of Nursing, Royal College of Paediatrics and 50 Hallam Street, W1. December 1.

#### Laser pens From Mr Chandra P. de Fonseka

Sir. Professor John Marshall of Moorfields Eye Hospital says that the worst that could happen if a laser pen was shone into the eye, was "a very tem-porary loss of vision, followed by a few minutes when the eyesight became disorientated", without permanent damage to the eye (report, November 24).

If a driver was going at 20mph, un-less he stopped immediately, the vehicle could travel 586 yards during each munute that vision was so affected. Or a busy suburban road the likelihood of serious involvement with other road users would be considerably increased. I do not think the hazard posed by these pens should be lightly dismissed.

Yours faithfully, C. P. de FONSEKA (Senior Research Fellow, Road Accident Research Unit. University of Birmingham, 1967-69), 10 Glendevon Road, Whitchurch, Bristol. November 27.

#### Long road home

From Mrs Fabienne Smith

Sir, When the Post Office traced the Reverend David H. van Daalen (letter, December 1) I suspect they were greatly helped by the rarity of his name. Yet when I lived in a Banfishire fishing burgh 40 years ago, with Smith as one of its frequently recurring family names, a letter addressed "Mrs Smith, Findochty" came straight to me.

l asked the postman how he knew it was mine. He said: "It was from London. Who else could it be for?"

Yours sincerely. FABIENNE SMITH. 55 Manor Place, Edinburgh 3. December 1.

From Dr M. A. Swift

Sir, As a student at Bristol during the Seventies I lived in a bus. I received post mailed to: The yellow coach, Opposite the public toilets. Alma Road. Clifton. Bristol. The postman obliged by leaving mail underneath the windscreen wiper.

Yours faithfully M. A. SWIFT. Little Orchard, School Lane. Ewshot, nr Farnham, Surrey. December 1.

From Mr Robert Vincent

Sir. There is yet another idiosyncratic aspect of addressing letters, in that they are written in the reverse order of the sequence which enables them to

Sensibly the Post Office reads the letters we receive from the bottom up. The first line is really the last consideration. And that, as they confusingly say, is "the bottom line".

Yours faithfully. ROBERT VINCENT. Dilly House, Wildhern, Andover, Hampshire. December 2.

#### Spirit of Christmas

From Mrs Margaret Kaplan

Sir, I overheard this warm, seasonal exchange in a shop at a crowded Christmas-card counter. Impatient husband to dithering wife: "For God's sake, it's only for your mother." Yours faithfully,

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MARGARET KAPLAN. 49 Prestbury Road. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. December 1.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 2: The President of the
Federative Republic of Brazil and
Senhora Cardoso today commenced
a State Visit to London to The Queen
and The Duke of Edinburgh.
The Duke of Kent welcomed The
President and Senhora Cardoso on
behalf of The Overal the Respirit. behalf of The Queen at the Brazilian Ambassador's Residence, 54 Mount Street, London WI. The President of the Federative

Republic of Brazil and Senhora Cardoso, accompanied by The Duke of Kent, drove to Horse Guards and

or kent, drove to Horse Guards and were met by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

The President and Senhora Cardoso, accompanied by Her Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses, drove in a Carriage Procession to Buckingham Palace with a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry.

Gum Salvace assess fixed in Goren. Gun Salutes were fired in Green Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse
Artillery, and at the Tower of London
by the Honourable Artillery Company,
Guards of Honour were provided
at Horse Guards by the 1st Banalion
Weish Guards and at Buckingham

Weish Guards and at Buckingham Palace by The Queen's Guard [1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales, 24th/41st Foot).

The President of the Federative Republic of Brazil and Senhora Cardoso this afternoon drove to Westminster Abbey where His Excellency laid a Wreath at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior and on the grave of Admiral Lord Cochrane.

Afterwards The President and Afterwards The President and Senhora Cardoso received an Address of Welcome by the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City of Westminster at St James's Palace. The President of the Federative Republic of Brazil and Senhora Car-doso later visited Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother at Clarence

Representatives of Oxford Analytica afterwards culled upon The

The Chairman of the Peninsular

The Chairman of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company (the Lord Stearing of Plaistow) called upon The President of the Rederative Republic of Brazil.

The Chairman of the National Grid Group (Mr David Jeffrer) called upon His Excellency.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening gave a State Banquet in honour of The President of the Federative Republic of Brazil and Senhora Cardoso at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. The Prince of Wales. The Duke of York, The Prince Edward, The Princess Margaret, Counters of Snowdon. cess Margaret, Counters of Snowdon. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. The Duke and Duchess of Kent. Prince and Princess Michael of Kent. Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Rt Hon Str Angus Ogilvy were present. The following had the bonour of

President of the Pederative Republic of Brazil and Senhors Christone.

His Excellency Ambassador Luiz Falipe Lamprels (Minister of State Box Enformation Relations) and Senhors Lamprels, His Excellency Senhor Luiz Carlos Bresser Goncalves Pereim (Minister of State for Federal Administration and State Reform), His Excellency Senhor José Israel Vargas (Minister of State for Science and Technology), His Excellency Arnhor Covis de Barros Carvaino (Minister of State, Hend of the Chil Office of The Presidency of the Republic and State Resource Cavalho, His Excellency Ambassador Sergio Silva do Amarai Iscerciary for Social Communication of The Presidency of Communication of Communication of Communication of Communication of Communi e Republici. His Exo

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Williamson RN (Equerry in Waining).
Diploment Cones:
His Excellency the Ambassador of Lebanon. His Excellency the Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Stazil and Senhora Barboss, His Excellency the Ambassador of Linembourg and Madame Weyland, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and Senhora de Fischer, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Ampola and Miss Da Costa Permandes. His Excellency the Ambassador of the Ambassador Repub

tic and Mrs de Pfirter, His Emellency
the ambassacior of Chile and School
Artazza. His Excellency the
Ambassacior of Portugal and Mrs
Faria. His Excellency the Ambassacior
of Japan and Madache Hayashi, His
Excellency the High Commissione
for Mozambique and Mrs Lojoma.

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Special invitations:
The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mr Lionel Breiset.

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Campo de Abreu Sodre Minelro.

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of Rio de Janeiro Stalej and Senhora Vidin.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

December 2: The Princess Royal, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, today carried out the kowing engagements in Lima.

Her Rayal Highness, President, this morning visited the Save the Children Fund project at El Agustino. The Princess Royal later visited "Nueva Caja de Agua" and mauguraled a water supply to the community.

Her Royal Highness subsequently visited the Cedro Centre for Street Children in Rimsc. Children in Rimac.

The Princess Royal attended a Luncheon at the British Embassy.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited Instituto de Salud del Niño, a children's hospital.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited the British Council.

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Her Royal Highness later amended a Reception given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Peru (Mr John Illimani) at the residence.

This evening The Princess Royal was emertained to Dituer by The President of the Republic of Peru at the Palacio del Gobierno.

CLAPENCE HOUSE

CLARENCE HOUSE December 2: The Hon Mrs Rhodes has succeeded Dame Frances Camp-bell-Preston as Lady in Walting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMESS PALACE
December 2: The Prince of Wales,
Patron, London and Quadrant Housling Trust, this morning visited Trust
tenants and Duchy of Cornwall
tenants in Kennington, London SEIL,
His Royal Highness this evening
received Mr José Maria Gil-Robles
Gil-Delgado (President of the European Parisament).

YORK HOUSE December 2: The Duchess of Kent this morning presented the British Telecommunications Childline Awards for Services to Children at the Lanesborough Hotel. Lanes-borough Place. London SWI

#### Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a service of thanksgiving to mark the ter-centenary of St Paul's Cathedral at 11.00. The Prince of Wales will be

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, will unveil the Gurkha Statue outside the Min-istry of Defence. Whitehall, at 2.30. The Prince of Wales will be The Duke of Edinburgh, presi-

dent will attend a kunche Naval and Military Club at 12.45; as president emeritus, will present the Duke of Edinburgh Conserva-tion Medal at a World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International dinner, St James's Palace, at 7.00. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will dine with the Benchers at the Middle Temple at 7.45. The Duke of York will present the 1997 Ministry of Defence Civilian Apprentice Awards at the Con-course Hall, Ministry of Defence Main Building, Whitehall, at 11.40; and will present the Torch Trophy Trust awards at Simpson (Picca-dilly) at 6.30.

Princess Margaret, president. NSPCC, will attend a reception at the society's national centre, 42 Curtain Road, London EC2, at 6.30.

The Duke of Kent, vice-chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, will visit BOC Gases Europe, Pris Centre, Surrey Research Park, Guildford, at 10.15; and as president, Football Association, will visit Cheisea Football Club. The Duchess of Kent, Patron. Christie's Against Cancer, will chair the London committee, Devies Street, WI. at 5.30.

Princess Alexandra, as Chancellor, will preside at ceremonies for the conferment of Higher and Honor-ary Degrees and Postgraduate Diplomas at Lancaster University, at 11.00 and 3.45; and as Colonelat II.00 and 3.45; and as Colone-in-Chief. The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, will open the museum of the King's Own Royal Regiment of Lancaster at Lan-caster City Museum, at 2.30.

#### Birthdays today

Mr Trevor Bailey, former crick-eter, 74; Mr Ralph Bennett, former chairman, London Transport Executive, 74; Mrs Joan Brander, Executive, 74; Mrs Joan Brander, founder, The Winged Fellowship, 83; Profesor Ian Butterworth, FRS, former Principal, Queen Mary and Westfield College, 67; Mr Mike Gibson, former rugby player, SS; M Jean-Lac Godard, film director, 67; Miss Daryl Hannah, actress 37-Sir William Hannah, actress, 37; Sir William Harpham, former diplomat, 91; Mr Maxwell Hurchinson, architect, 49; Sir Brian Jenkins, former Lord Mayor of London, 62: Profes-sor G.S. Kirk, FBA, former Regius Professor of Greek, Cambridge University. 76; Mr Franz Klammer, skier, 44; Mr David McCall, chairman, Anglia Television. 63: Miss Tanya Moiseiwitsch, theatrical designer, 83; the Rev Professor C.F.D. Moule, theologian, 89; Mr Paul Nicholas, singer and actor, 52; Mr Victor Pasmore, CH, artist, 89; Mr-Robert Phillis, deputy director-general BBC and chief executive BBC Worldwide, 52; Mr Mei Smith, actor, writer and director, 45; Professor P. Toyne, Vice-Chancellor, Liverpool John Moores University, St. Mr Andy Williams, singer, 67; Mrs K.M.I. Wilson, former chairman, Equal Opportu-nities Commission for Northern

#### Lancheon

Arts Council of England The Earl of Gowrie, Chairman of the Arts Council of England, and Mr Graham Devlin, acting secretary-general, were the hosts at a hundreon held yesterday at 14 Great Peter Street, London, SWL



The Princess Royal, President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a dinner at the Natural History Museum on December 16 where this hand-crafted wooden Georgian doll's house, made by David Linley Furniture, and a number of other variations on a Christmas tree theme will be auctioned to raise money for the fund. They will be on show until then at Courts & Co in the Strand

#### Premium Bonds The following Premium Bond prizewinners were announced

vesterday: £100,000: 54HK 572598, winner has a holding of £19,997 and comes from Somerset; 47SF 569362, £10,005. Berkshire; 37NS 772960, £20,000. London Borough of Lambeth; 39GZ 724388, £19,997. Kent; 61DZ, 310926, E20,000, Oxfordshire; 26AN 359361, £20,000, ESSEX.

£50.000: 52GS 588511, £17,150, Lincolnshire; 56SZ 674932, El0,000, Devon; 49VP 699369, E400, Rhondda County Borough; 33XB 573488, £12,350, Richmon upon Thames; 21BS 693840, £10,000, Lancashire; 52TT 184578, £15,050, South Ayrshire; 2938 517895, £20,000, Hereford and Warcester; 68RZ 904300, £8,101, Bast Sussex; 16PP 517444, £8,605, London Borough of Southwark; 48RL 980481, £501, Argyil & Bute; 38GK 61900t, E2,000, Hampshire \$25,000: 28EL 745607, £2,500, Hernfordshire; 18PS 820416, £50, Dorset: 67EN 000978, £4.103. South Humberside: 56LT 358301. 20,000. West Midlands; 61NF 306919, E19.671. Cornwall: 42TS 959887, E20,000. Tyne & Wear; 18VS 487021, E3,4000. West Yorkshire; ISHB 336507, £20,000, Over-seas; 10/L 724211, £20,000, City of Edinburgh; 68DS 919051 £19,580, City of Westminster, 682W 856497, £10,565, West Sussen; 80ES 614057. £2,100, London Borough of Barnet; 48GB 950744, £2,010, Leicestershire: 758Z 26398L 619,922, Com wall; 89DP 477859, £20,000, Middlesex; 37CK 609109, £3,227, Pole: 55GP 880023 £11,200, LANCE shire; 26QN 023327, £19,995, Kent; 40RZ 194571, £5,951, Bedfordshire;

#### Wrekin College

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The Governors of Wrekin College are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Stephen Drew as Headmaster with effect from September 1998, to succeed Mr Peter Johnson following his appointment as Headmaster of Millfield School. Mr Drew was lately the Headmaster of Kamura lately the Headmaster of Kamuzn Academy, Malawi, and previously Deputy Head of Rydal School.

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#### Dinners

Royal Pharmacentical Society of Great Behin The President of the Council and The President of the Council and lander of the House of Commons attended a dinner of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain held last night at 1 Lam-beth High Street. Mr Peter Curphey, president, was in the chair, Lord Kilpatrick of Kineraig, President of the British Medical Association, also sooke. Associat Association, also spoke, Amons

Association, also spoke. Among others present were:
Baroness Cumberledge, the President and the Secretary-General of the Enyal Society of Chemistry, the President of the Boyal College of Veterinary Suggests, the President of the Boyal College of Veterinary Suggests, the President of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health, the Chief Enecutive of MINID, the General Secretary of the Royal College of Norsing, the Secretary of the Norsing, the Secretary of the Norsing the Secretary of the Secretary

Believin Society
The Annual Dinner of the Bahrain The Annual Druner of the Bahrain Society was held yesterday evening at the Case Royal. The President, Ambassador Alodul Aziz Al Khalifa, and Sir Harold Walter, Chairman, received the guests. Shallch Sulmun Al Khalifa, Under Secretary of Defence and Mr Dord Patchett, Minister of Source for Exercisin and Commonwealth. for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, were the speakers. Among

Attains, were the speakers. Among those present were:
Lady Willest, Mr Tum Dalyell, MP, Mr Nigel Evans, MP, Lord and Lady Gilliand, Major General and Mrs Demans. Mr Edward Chaolin, Mr Robin Lamb, Mr Mille Gifford, Field Minnhal Lord and Larly Imps, and Mr and Mrs Jersmy Martin.

BIRTHS: Semuel Crompton, in-

ventor of the spinning mule, Pirwood, Lancashire, 1753; Clark-son Stanfield, theatre, marine and

landscape artist, Sonderland, 1793; Sir Rowland Hill, originator of the

Robert Stephen Hawker, poet, Stoke Damerel, Devon, 1803; Frederic Leighton, Baron Leigh-ton, President of the Royal Acad-emy 1828-96. Scarborough, 1830; Joseph Courad, novelist, Ber-dichey, Russia, 1857; Anion von

Webern, composer, Vienna, 1883; Rajendra Prasad, 1st President of the Republic of India 1980-63,

DEATHS: Francis Xavier, miss-ionary, Shang-chua, China, 1852; Robert Montgomery, poet, Brigh-tun, USS; Robert Louis Suversion,

Zeradei, Bibar, 1894.

Mr Roy Walker presided at a distrer of the Farmers Club held last night at Grosvenor House to mark the 155th anniversary of the founding of the club. Lord Phumb, MEP, and Admiral Sir James Eberie were the speakers.

European-Atlantic Group
Mr Shimon Peres was the guest of
honour at a dinner of the European-Adaptic Group held last
night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Lord
Dahrendorf, president of the
group, was in the chair. Sir
Frederic Bennett and Mr Derek
Prag also spoke.

#### Service dinner East Lowinada Universities Ale

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Air Marshai G.A. Robertson,
Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander-in-Chief Strike Command, was the guest of honour at
the annual dinner of the Bast Lowlands Universities Air Squad-Lowlands Universities Air Squad-ron held last night at Edinburgh University. Squadron Leader D. Shankland. Squadron Com-mander, presided. Professor J.S. Archer, Professor G.T. Fielding. Professor S.J. Ingle, Dr R. Field and Air Vice-Marshal J.H. Thormann Air Officer Commend.

wriser, Samon, 1894; Mary Baker Eddy, founder of The Church of Christ, Scientist, Chestnut Hill,

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**Anniversaries** 

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#### University news

founder of the British Union of Pascists, Paris, 1980. Land Steel of Allowood, President of Neon lighting, developed by the French physicist Georges Claude, was displayed for the first time at the Paris Motor Show, 1910. Liberal International, is the eighth recipient of the University of Edinburgh/Royal Bank of Son-land Alumnus of the Year Award. The award will be presented to Dr Christian Barnard carried out him today. the world's first heart transplant,

More than 3,000 people were killed as a result of a chemical spillage at the Union Carbide periode factory in Bhopal, India. 1904. Mrs Virginia Bosomiey, MP, Mr Patricia Hewitt, MP, and Ms Penclope Lively have been elected to the British Council's Board.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

The engagement is announced between Gareth, eldest son of the late Captain John Davies and of Mrs Davies, of Reigate, Surrey, and Juliet, younger daughter of the late Michael Donovan and of Mrs Elizabeth Donovan, of Aldeburgh.

Mr LD.C. de Boedari and Mrs F.E. Ochos The engagement is announced between Julian, son of the late Mr Cosmo de Bosdari and of Mrs Cosmo de Bosdari, of Emismore Gardens, London, and Francis, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Ellingworth, of Laughton.

ACCOUNTS FOR Mr D.J. Gallagher and Min S.H. Parvis

The engagement is announced between Desmand, son of Mrs M. Gallagher and the bue Mr John Gallagher, of Glasgow, and Sally, daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs I.W.H. Purvis, of Godshill, Hampshire. Mr EN L Harrison

and Miss S.I. Vanrenes The engagement is announced between Smoon son of Mr Isin Harrison, of St Mary's Plant, Kent, and Mrs George Renshaw, of Triana, Spain, and Sarah, daughter of Mr. David Vannenen, of Kensington, and Mrs Guy Morrison, of Evancoyd, Powys.

Mr C.S. Kleen and Miss H.L.M. Scilick The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Trevor Klotz, of Ottawa, Canada, and Harrier, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Sellick, of Ticehurst, Sussex.

Mr I.D.L. Sandback and Mim I.M. Peacock The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of the late Dr Martin Sandbach and of Mrs Elisabeth Orr-Ewing, of Lewloor, Oxfordshire, and Julie, eldest daughter of Mr Christopher Peacock, of Westcott, Sorrey, and Mrs James Webster, of Herst-

monceut, East Sussex.

and Miss A.H. Adams The engagement is sunounced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Johnstone, of Chesham. Buckingha Amelia, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Adamson, of Kirkburn East Riding of Yorkshire.

Mr S.R. Ibie and Miss CA. PRYS The engagement is aunounced between Stefan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Heinz Rist, of the Peak, y Hong Kong, and Cat. daughter of & Mr and Mrs Malcolm Provis. of Great Pultency Street, Bath. Mr RE Theles

and Miss R.J.E. Men The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of his and Mrs Frederick Thobarn, of and rurs Frederick Thobarn, of Deganwy, North Wales, and Rachael, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Morton, of Wallington, Hernfordslaire.

#### Marriages

Mr CJ. Good and Miss A.N. Carden The marriage took place on Sat-urday, November 29, at All Sames Church, Fulham, between Mr Christopher Geaves, son of Mr and Mrs John Geaves, of Chich-ester, and Miss Affice Carden, daughter of Mr Peter Carden, of Westbury, Shropshire, and of Mrs Sheila Carden, of Danham Hill, Chaching Bulleting, Mrs. Cheshire, Prebendary Kenneth Bowler officialed

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Miss Kate Carden, Miss Claire Bond and Charlotte Geaves. Mr James Gillett was best man

Mr A.E. Parsons and Miss C.F. Levels The marriage took place on Sat-urday, November 29, at Christ Church, Churleywood, of Mr Adam Parsons, only son of Mr and Mrs Victor Parsons, of Newton Ferrers, Devos, to Mass Catherine Frances Lewis, only daughter of the late Mr Ted Lewis and of Mrs Sandra Lewis, of Herossgate, Hertfordshire

#### Baron Neill of Bladen

The life barony conferred upon Sir Francis Patrick Neill has been gazetted by the name, style and little of Baron Neill of Bladen, of Briantspuddle in the County of

#### Nutrition Society

The following are now Registere Public Health Nutritionists:

noir, painter, Cagnes, France, 1919; Dame Mary Gilmore, poet, 1962, Groote Schutt Hospital, Cape

#### Elections

#### Meeting

Kenna Society The High Commissioner for Kenya was the speaker at a meeting of the Kenya Society held fast night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr John Edwards, chairman of the society, presided.

#### Cooks' Company

The following have been installed the ensuing year: Master, Mr J G V Price; Second Master, Mr D Hodgson; Warden, Mr P D Herbase; Renter Warden, Mr P A P Wright.

#### Church news

St George's Chapet, Window The Rsv John-Anthony Ovenden, Vicar of St Mary's, Primrose Hill, with St Paul's Avenue Road, Diocese of London, has been appointed Canon of St George's Chapel, Windsor, in succession to Canon Michael Anthony Monon, now appointed Dean of Trum.

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#### Latest wills

Madeline Ann Berry, of London W6, left estate valued at £1,968,486 Florence Louise Cook, of Melis.

Norfolk, left estate valued at the FL002.623 net. David Baker Harvey, of Winter-bourne Euris, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £1,430,549 net: Nora Lorimer Rosse, of Elles-mere, Shropshire, left estate valued at £1,104,825 net.

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Sue (née Handerson) and Luss-Christian, a son, Oliver Thomas Harry, a beother for Georgia Blame.

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Botherson - On Monday 1st December 1997, at the Institute Edith Cavell, Brussels, to Alexandra and Claude Perin, a daughter, Esty Alex.

21st at The Portland Hospital, to Mary (nos Fratto) and Douglas, a daughter, Chaire Louise. The Portland Hospital, to Line (as 1 co) and indexed daughters, Sachal Brianus and Ricole Benson.

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BARCLAY - Feacefully at Dainair House on Sunday 30th November 1997, Helmad Baddarwick, DEA TO, LLB, to Me 88th year. Inches to Me 88th year. Inches of Susan and Elizabeth and granditates of Enum and Mapoy. Punaral Service at Cardross Cremstorium at 215 pm on Webssley 10th December.

DEATHS Parsed Bendy MA OR IN peacefully on November 20th 1997 in his 90th year. Husband of the less livery, father of Pealine, Urrella, Micholas and Veronica, grandfather and great-grandfather. The Funeral Burvice is at Christ Church, Wotton, on Monday 8th December at 12 neon Fundy Burver only, but denations It seemed to the Children's Country Church, Castle Farry, Hillworth Road, Devises 8810 550.

SOWER - Josephine Assette (Jose) died suddenly at home en November 17th. Frankling in herris Cremstorium, 75 Manor 1884, Houston & Februar November 6th. November 6th. Pannal Discottes are Evyl & Sons, Sharingham, Noviole, tale (01263) 823155. PERIOUN - Dorothy on 29th November aged 89 peacefully at home, widow of Ferry late Bostom. Joseph Service at Christelmuch, Cambridge on December 9th at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation for family and close friends. However or Health Constitute to Christelmuch Constitute at Christelmuch Christelmuch Christelmuch Christian at Christelmuch Christelmuch Christelmuch Christian at Christelmuch Christian at Christian at

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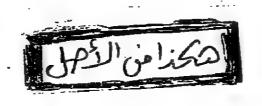
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### **BIG DADDY**

Big Daddy (Shirley Crabtree), wrestler, died vesterday after a stroke, aged 67. He was born on November 14, 1930. ·

ig Daddy was one of the flamboyant showmen of wrestling in its television heyday in the 1970s and 1980s. warched by incredulous milhons at 4 o'clock on a Saturday. The performances had about the same status in sport as Gary Glitter did in music. Most of the wrestlers belonged to the actors' trade union, Equity, and Big Daddy was a true popular entertainer. A fanfare would welcome

him to the arena, where he would shed his top hat and spangled cape to reveal his fighting leotard. Flocks of fans would applaud his signature tune, We Shall Not be Moved, helore booing and hissing as a "had boy" overwhelmed Big Daddy's tag-team partner. The thug would then bain Big Daddy himself, before being crushed by the 25-stone hero.

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No bookmaker ever offered odds on Big Daddy's fights. They were carefully staged, and beating Big Daddy was said to be against the rules. The pugilistic pantomine demanded that good conquer evil, a moral that appealed to

Big Daddy. In 1987 Tony Banger Walsh accused the Crabtrees of rigging and rehearsing the fights, and said that wrestlers would even carry razors so as to cut themselves when the crowd wanted blood. But Big Daddy always denied that the moves were organised in advance, saying that most of his peers were too stupid to remember any elaborate plans

Certainly the organisers could not remove all the danger. Big Daddy specialised in a routine called "the splash". belly-flopping onto his opponems when they were down, and in August 1987 Malcolm "King Kong" Kirk died from a heart attack in the ring after Big Daddy fell upon him at the Hippodrome Circus in Great Yarmouth. Two other wrestlers had previously died in his



arms after fighting other opponents. The wages offered to the men who fought Big Daddy were revealed when Kirk's widow received his fee: the usual £25 with £5 extra for taking on Big Daddy.

Yorkshiremen who are christened Shirley after the eponymous heroine of Charlotte Bronse's nevel, like Big Daddy and Big Daddy's daddy, have to learn to look after themselves. As a boy growing up in poverty near Halifax, Shirley Crabtree began body-building with barbells made

from a broom handle and a couple of frons, and his childhood heroes were strongmen such as Georges Hacken-schmidt, Eugene Sandow and Douglas Clark. He was already fearsome when he played rugby league for Brad-ford Northern second team and was cautioned for exces-

sive aggression. Like his two brothers he became a Blackpool lifeguard for a while, rescuing, he said, 27 people. He worked briefly as a coalminer and in a conton mill, but began wrestling for money when he was 16. The family occasionally appeared together, with Shirley adopting the names Mr Universe and the Blond Adonis. His brother Brian became a wrestling referee, but more importantly Max, the other brother (who had passed the 11-plus) became a promoter and television agent for Joint Promotions, controlling most of the

Appearing both under his real name and as the Battling Guardsman — he had served briefly in the Coldstream

Guards — Crabtree occasionally appeared on the same bill as Jimmy Savile, who began his showbiz career as a wrestler. They never fought each other, because Savile was only a catchweight while Crabtree was a super-heavyweight, but Savile remembered his ability to create a mood of emoyable havoc "As two Yorkshire lads we used to terrorise everyone everywhere and it was a laugh a minute and he had this great booming laugh." Crabtree also gained a place in The Guinness Book of Records for his 64in chest. Women wresthing fans, however, found him too aggressive.

So in 1976 he adopted a new and less fierce stage persona. with glitzy costumes, and the name Big Daddy, after the character in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. His wife made him a leotard from the chintz sofa cover, and for more than a decade he was a sort of star, locked in bizarre combat with men like Giant Haystacks and Mick McManus, and appearing as the soft-hearted strongman on programmes such as Surprise. Surprise and as the subject of This is Your Life. He was proud to have been recognised by Margaret Thatcher and the Prince of Wales.

He was a favourite with children, to whom he was devoted, and gave a lot of time to charity work. He also hosted The Big Daddy Saturday Show on IIV, He once delivered his weight in chocolate to the sick children in Great Ormond Street Hospital, and was delighted to be able to bring some distracting cheer. 'It's like being Father Christmas," he said.

Then, in the mid 1980s. television audiences for wrestling fell away. The unchang-ing bouts had become tedious, and more freakish shows were on offer. Televised wrestling ended in 1988, and Big Daddy went back to sharing a dress-ing-room with Sooty in Southport and to long walks along the Blackpool seafront. He affered a stroke in 1993.

He was twice married. He is survived by his second wife, Eunice, and by four daughters

#### MALCOLM GREEN

Malcohn Green, Chief Executive of the Shefland Islands Council, died on November 16 of a haemorrhage after surgery aged 57. He was born on May 14, 1940.

AS THE flow of oil from the North Sea began to diminish in the late 1980s, the fragile economy of Britain's most northerly islands was secured by their chief executive officer. Malcolm Green, in a series of deals he negotiated with the oil industry. By persuading Shell and BP, against their instincts, to keep Shetland's Sullom Voe terminal operating well into the next century. he won the islands a continuing place in the industry even as the focus of interest was moving to new fields in the west and away from onshore terminals.

Green's proposals were roundly attacked at the time, because they reduced substantially the rental paid by the companies to the Islands Council. He also courted unpopularity by insisting that the council's own staff and spending should be pruned. But the net result was a far healthier outlook than Shetland could otherwise have anticipated.

Malcolm Eric Green was neither a native Shetlander nor particularly interested in the oil industry when he first went north. Born and brought up in Matlock in Derbyshire. the son of a cost accountant at ICI, he went into accountancy himself, working first for ICI in Grangemouth, then in the finance department of The Guardian in Manchester. He had, however, inherited

one other thing from his father, and that was a fiddle, which he yearned to play. With a friend he attended the famous summer music school at Stirling run by the legend-ary Sheiland fiddler Tom Anderson. There he became firm friends not only with Anderson but with his natural heir. Aly Bain, also a Shetlander and now recognised as Scotland's greatest exponent of the art. Green determined to drop out of the rat race and move to Shetland with his wife, Sheila,



whom he had met in Grangemouth and married in 1964.

Responding to an advertisement for an assistant director of finance at Shetland Islands Council, he was offered the job and moved with his family to the islands' capital, Lerwick, in 1978. He won rapid promotion and within ten years was chief executive of the council. and one of the most powerful

men in Shetland. Just as important to him, if not more so, was the Shetland Folk Festival, which he founded, and his own position in the Garster's Dream Band where he played his beloved fiddle if not with consummate skill, at least with enthusiasm. Tall, bearded and prone to unsetding silences in mid-conversation. Green could seem intimi-

dating. A hearing problem meant that his own diction was sometimes indistinct; he was not good in his dealings with the media; he made it crystal clear that he thought the council for which he worked was profligate and inefficient: because he understood the intricacies of oil funding better

than most of his colleagues, he sometimes made them feel uncomfortable in his presence and made enemies.

But he also won many friends and admirers, who understood his utter commitment to the welfare of the islands and his long-term strategy to secure their future. In private he was a genuinely witty man, and excellent company. Through a series of kind and private acts he helped many Shetlanders who were down on their luck. One of his prized possessions was a small model puffin, given to him by an old lady he had helped with some housing advice. In 1993, he was thrust into the limelight when the tanker Braer went aground, spilling millions of gallons of oil on to the Shetland coastline. Green took over the twice-daily press conferences, organised the local response and set up an emergency forum to protect the islands' fragile environment.

before the courts. He leaves his widow, and

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which he launched is still

#### EDGAR CERELY

Edgar Cerely, MM, Wartime bomber navigator, died on November 19 aged 76. He was born on August 28. 1921.

FOR his robust and forthright action in escaping from the occupied Crete, Edgar Cereby received the unusual aware of a Military Medal while serv-ing in the RAF Volumeer. Reserve. Though suffering from wounds sustained when his torpedo bomber crashlanded (as well as from the occasions village poets even cables he developed while composed funeral edes to living in hiding in passessee those British and Common conditions) he broke free tions wealth aircrew with liad been a column of captives and,

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Cerely was a sergeant navigator in a Bristol Beaufort of No 39 Squadron which was searching for enemy shipping off southwest Greece. The aircraft's four-man crew were returning to their base in Egypt when the Beaufort passed through a violent electrical storm which resulted in discrepancies of up to 60 degrees in its three magnetic compasses.

With no means of flying a reliable course, the men continued in what they hoped was the general direction of Egypt until, just as fuel was running low, they saw mountains

ahead and prepared for a forced landing. Cerely jettisoned the bombs, and the pilot, Flight Lieutenant Lenton, brought the aircraft down on a rocky shore. Its nose broke off and Cerely was flung through the rent in the fuselage; sustaining severe lacer-ations. Lenton suffered scalp wounds, but the wireless operator, Sergeant Langley, and the gunner, Serpeant Mac-Connachie, were uninjured.

Realising that they had put down on enemy-occupied Crete, the men hid for the night in the hills, returning to the wreckage pext morning to secure the emergency rations. Setting off into the mountains again, they were lucky enough

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German victory in May, there were still many British and Commonwealth troops in hiding in Crete, and the SOE was trying to evacuate these while setting up guerrilla activity. The Beaufort crew tried to escape by boat with some of these fugitive soldiers, but the engine failed and they had to return to shore. The SOE then advised them to make for the south coast, another gruelling march over the mountainous interior of the island.

Langley was forced to drop out after four days and was captured by the Germans. Weakened by his injuries. Cerely later collapsed with exhaustion himself, but the other men borrowed a donkey to carry him. On the coast, they joined a group of soldiers who were waiting to be taken off by submarine. But on the appointed day a storm blew up and the dinghies could not be launched.

Advised that the Germans had discovered where they were, they dispersed. Cerely now decided to make for the village of Kefalas on the north coast with a soldier who knew of a rowing boat hidden there. After a long march, guided by Cretan shepherds, the pair reached Kefalas, where they joined up with two more soldiers and a young Cretan who wanted to escape. After several weeks being hidden and fed by local people, by March 1942 the five men had



repared and provisioned the boat and set off, hoping to island-hop to Turkey.

But after three days of arduous rowing, another great storm blew up and drove them onshore. Rounded up by the Germans, they were marched over the mountains towards Heraklion and captivity. But on the first evening, Cerely, who was pretending to have trouble with his makeshift shoes. lagged behind with one of the armed guards while the rest of the file passed round the curve of a mountain. Emaciated and enfeebled though he was, he smashed the guard in the face with all

his force and then bounded recklessly down the mountain, eventually tumbling over and cracking a bone in his ankle. A young Cretan found him and carried him to safety.

Looked after by shepherds, Cerely recovered from his injuries and was able to start walking back to the west. By extraordinary coincidence he met his pilot. Reggie Lenton, in the mountains, and they subsequently joined another group of escapers who included MacConnachie. The SOE directed them to a small bay where, this time, they were successfully taken off by caique, landing at Bardia in Libya at the end of May 1942. They had been at large in enemy-occupied Crete for almost seven months. For his resource and bravery. Cerely was awarded the MM.

Returning to England he completed another operational tour, this time in Wellingtons. On one occasion, his aircraft survived a mid-air collision with another Wellington over the Dutch coast. He was commissioned in the course of this tour, and ended the war as a flight licutenant.

Edgar Roy Cerely was born in Littlehampton and educated at Shoreham Grammar School. He applied for aircrew training at the outbreak of the Second World War.

On demobilisation worked in the Bank of England, taking early retirement in 1972. He later had a successful picture gallery and framing business in Shoreham-by-Sea. Cerely never forgot his Cretan friends and visited the island on numerous occasions, sometimes for months on end, helping them with the work of putting up new buildings.

He liked pushing himself to the limits of physical endur-ance. From March to June 1990, then aged 68, he went on a sponsored walk with his nephew, from Sevenoaks across Europe and over the Alps, down through Italy to Athens, resorting to the ferry only for the Newhavenonly for the Dieppe and Brindisi-Patras crossings. They walked 2,675km to raise a substantial sum of money for Save the Children Fund

Cerely married Ivy Morrall in 1943. She and their son and daughter survive him.

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Mary Allen, the chief executive of the Royal Opera House. was hurt and dismayed by a parliamentary report into its management and funding which was circulated to the principle figures. The report, produced by a committee headed by Gerald Kaufman, will be published today .... .. Page l

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Council taxes are expected to rise by up to 10 per cent next year under a new spending package for town halls unveiled by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime . Page 1 Minister\_

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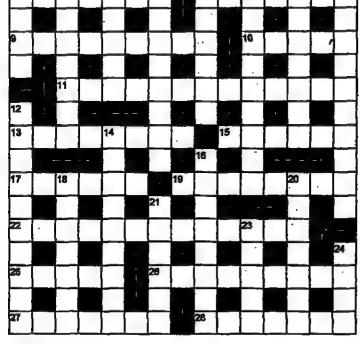
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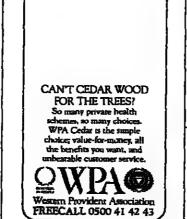
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### Isa will boost supermarkets and insurers

Unit trust groups likely to lose out as Peps go

SUPERMARKETS and life insurance companies stand individual savings account (Isa), Labour's tax-free replacement for the two Tory savings incentives, tax-exspecial savings accounts (Tessas) and personal equity plans (Peps).

The outlook may be more bleak for the investment maners who have dominated the £58 billion Pep market. Shares at quoted unit trust groups fell. Proposals for the new account, pullined in a consultation docupublished yesterday, would put unit trust groups at a disadvantage in the sayings

world of the new millennium. Privately some dismissed features of the new account as gimmicky", including the lotery-style £1,000 a month prize

rontrast, welcomed the proposals under which £1.000 of the (5,000) annual isa limit can be put into life insurance policies. The Association of British Insurers said it may seek to have: this limit raised. Insurers have long complained that tax reliefs (avoured building societies and unit trusts. Tax relief on life an introduction of the new acinsurance premiums was abol-

ished in the 1984 Budget. Peps and Tessas in April 1999. Investment director, explained is good news for supermarkets. Attack many existing unit trust that have branched out into agroup customers atready held

as this would make them more easily accessible to the low paid among whom it wishes to encourage more thrift.

Even Schroders, one of the largest and most successful unit trust groups, conceded that the Isa's success among those on low incomes would be "in the hands of new distributors".

Tesco, which has 400,000 account holders, explained that the 12 million people who buy at its shops each week would be able to put money into their Isas at the checkout. No modification of tills is necessary. Andrew Coker, of Tesco Personal Finance, said:

People coming through our advantage of this."

specialises in the analysis of Peos and unit trusts, predicted that the supermarkets and high street banks would be the greatest beneficiaries from the hed in the 1984 Budget. groups could be the losers.
The Isa, which will supplant in Janon Hollands, a BESt

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said about RJB's profitability

recently. But the generators have been making high profits

by not passing on the cheaper costs of coal."

This arguments will be

backed by new research being

considered by the Trades Union Congress. This, passed

to the TUC by Hugh Lee, an

energy consultant, says that

the generators will be making

excess profits if they pay less than £1.30 a gigajoule of coal, as it is on those projections

that the regulator based his

recent supply price control. It is thought that recent deals

between RIB and Eastern and

National Power have been

struck at between El.17p to

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generators.

transferred into an Isa, and also the lifetime limit on holdings. Schroders will be among the unit trust groups campaigning for a significant-ly higher ceiling. Unit trust groups would also be hard-pressed to make

money from the new accounts, as they could be more expensive to administer. The isa will be able to hold a mixture of cash, shares, insurance policies and National Savings, making them flexible for investors but costly to run. There is likely to be strong pressure from minis-

ters for low charges.
Fidelity, one of the largest groups, conceded that there would be extra administration. A spokesman added: "It will require a whole new layer of Big Brother monitoring to police the limits."

David Mossop, chief executive of Perpetual, the largest Pep provider, called the Isa as an "administrative headache". He calculated that 2 per cent of his customers have more than £50,000 invested in Peps. But he confirmed that the large unit trust groups would still be selling Isas. The Perpetual share price fell 17712p to £24.20.

Ambrose McGinn, director of retail savings at Abbey National, said: "As one of the UK's leading savings institutions with a relationship with one in three households and the largest customer base, we look forward to working with the Government to refine its



Gamble loses: the RSA chief was perceived as being at odds with the deputy chairman

### Gamble goes at Royal & Sun

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD GAMBLE, chief executive of Royal & SunAlliance, is the first casualty in a reorganisation of the composite insurer's board announced

RSA shares rose lop to 560p after the announcement that he had been replaced with immediate effect by Robert Mendelsohn, 51, who until now has run the US operation. RSA was unable to say whether Mr Gamble, 58, had a new

iob outside the company to go to when he leaves at the end of the month. He recently cashed in share options worth £1.2 million and could walk away from the post with a £750,000 payout - twice his annual

The shake-up follows criticism from the City that the board was top-heavy and that Mr Gamble and Roger Taylor, the executive deputy chairman of RSA, had differing

views over strategy. Mr Taylor, chairman of the Association of British Insurers, has also relinquished his management duties to become non-

executive deputy chairman. Patrick Gillam, who succeeded Sir Christopher Benson as chairman and who had a secret brief to sort out the management structure, said: This is the natural next step in the development of the

#### **NatWest** to sell bulk of **Markets**

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

for £179m

NATWEST GROUP revealed yesterday that it is to sell the bulk of its NatWest Markets business for £179 million bringing down the final curtain on attempts by UK banks to establish themselves as global players in the investment banking market.

Bankers Trust, the US investment bank is to buy NatWest's UK and European equities business while Deutsche Morgan Grenfell is pur-chasing the US and Asian derivatives business for E50

The price represented a £55 million premium over net asset value although NatWest revealed it would be taking a £210 million provision to cover the costs of the sale and internal restructuring - in addition to the previously an-nounced £77 million charge for options mispricing.

The bank also said that it expected losses from its NatWest Markets arm to total £210 million for the year.

NatWest's decision to exit the oss-making business closely follows the sale of the majority of Barclays' investment banking arm, BZW, to Credit Suisse First Boston for £100 million.

The bank also dropped a strong hint that it would return capital to shareholders next year because the sale had freed up about £5 billion used as asset backing for the

NatWest added that it was in discussions over the sale of its Asian cash equities business and Australian investment

The bank will also shut its US cash equity business, but the company insisted that it is committed to building up its US and UK corporate advisory

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#### Reassuring Shares in Williams, the

former conglomerate, rose 84 p to 3284 p after the security and alarm services group released a positive trading statement that reassured the market

#### Extortion

Japan's most notorious racketeer, Ryuichi Koike pleaded guilty yesterday to extorting tens of millions of dollars from top Japanese financial firms. His prey included Japan's big four brokers, and the now defunct Yamaichi. Page 31

### BACM urges end of dash for gas

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Ali-Party inquiry into the future of coal will today be urged to louk at scrapping all gas-fired power stations that have planning consent but which have not been built. The move would mark a

fundamental rebalancing of energy fuel mix and shift it from pure market forces. The call from the British Association of Colliery Manapement will be made as the dash for gas comes increasingly under the spotlight amid

coal's declining market.
Hundreds of miners are expected to lobby the Government today as the Trade and Industry Select Committee holds an investigation into the future of coal in the face of expected pit closures.

Pat Carragher, general sec-retary of BACM, will urge the radical end to the dash for gas while calling for greater scrutiny of the electricity generators. He will say that while the price of coal has fallen by 40 per cent over five years, this has not been translated into a similar reduction in generation prices. He said yesterday:

#### Sears sells **Dolcis** for £1.6m

Selfridges-to-Wallis group, has started the promised auc-tion of its British Shoe Corporation by selling Dolcis to a ioint venture headed by Alexon for £1.6 million.

The company, which last month put all its 400 shoe shops up for sale, expects to make a £13 million loss on Dolcis and lose a further £137 million from disposing of the remaining three chains.

Dolcis will be run by John Osborn, chief executive of Alexon, and ultimately controlled by Electra Fleming, a venture capital house, which is putting in £7 million of working capital. Alexon will take on 1,500

£1.20p. The regulator, how-Dolcis staff and rent shops ever, has no power over the from unmarned third parties. Alexon is putting up £6 million, and can buy out Despite the impact of potential pit closures on the electric-Electra for £14 million in the ity market John Battle, Energy next two years. After that, it Minister, has held no talks must pay up to £30 million with Stephen Littlechild, the guaranteeing that Electra will at least double its regulator, over the future for money if Dolcis returns to financial health. Sears

### **Ernst & Young** in \$4bn action

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

ERNST & YOUNG International, the accountancy and consulting group, faces a \$4 billion lawsuit over its part in the collapse of a US clothing

. In the biggest damages case brought against an accountant. the bankruptcy trustee for Merry-Go-Round, which failed in 1996, is suing Ernst & Young for alleged neligence and fraud. Deborah Hunt Devan. the trustee, is seeking \$1 billion market value of the retailer in 1993 when it hired Ernst & Young, plus \$3 billion in punitive damages. Ernst & Young was hired to revive the ailing

The damages, if awarded by a court in Baltimore where the suit was filed, would be similar in size to Ernst & Young's US revenues this year.

The accountant was paid \$4.5 million for advising Merry-Go-Round. The retailer alleges that Ernst & Young was using young and inexperienced accountants" who "utterly failed to take the most basic

of complaints concerns the closure of same of its 1,500 shops. According to the suit, Ernst & Young was slow to terminate loss-making operations. When the closures came, they were scheduled just before Christmas, the most profitable shopping per-iod. Ms Devan said: "E&Y's untimely and incompetent performance of its duties was a direct and proximate cause of the failure of Merry-Go-Round to be reorganised and restructured successful."

The "big six" accountancy groups, which now earn significant parts of their total revenue from consulting work, are rarely the subject of billion-dollar lawsuits. Ernst & Young said they had not received the legal documents but saw no basis for the

Merry-Go-Round accounts were being audited by KPMG Peat Marwick, which is planning to merge with Ernst & Young raising the possibility of a high-profile conflict of

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### Branson expects WHS to name its price

shares added 5p to 49p.

B) CHRIS AYRES

I RICHARD BRANSON, head of the Virgin empire, said yesterday that he expected WH Smith to name a price within two weeks for its 75 per cent stake in the Virgin Our Price joint venture, which owns the Virgin

Мерачние record shops. The troubled retailer has already turned down a £135 million offer from Mr Branson, and yesterday reiterated hat it planned to sell the stake but refused to comment on the timing of a

If WH Smith waits until 1999 it can buy out Virgin's 25 per cent stake and own the right to use the Virgin name for music retailing in the UK until 2021. But Mr Branson said: That is not what they've said they're going to do. They want to sell it and we're still waiting for them to tell us how much for, then we'll be happy to respond. There's a price at which we'll buy and a price at which we won't."

the first anniversary of his record label. , yesterday, said he had renewed his ambitions in the music industry. He expected VZ, which this week released the tribute album to Diana, Princess of Wales, to be worth more than £600 million in five years' time. In 1992 he sold Virgin Records to the then Thorn EMI as a cash-raising exercise for his Virgin Atlantic airline. The deal re-stricted him from re-entering the music business for 30 months.

V2 is regarded as unique in the music industry because it has independent offices all over the world, with the level of funding usually available only to publicly quoted companies. Mr Branson is believed to be prepared to spend up to £60 million on establishing the label. V2 is forecasing a doubling of sales to more than £60 million next year. Yesterday it signed Underworld, the dance music act made famous by the film Trainspotting, and is establishing an Internet distribution system.

**Albany Life fined** 

THE Personal Investment Authority has reprimanded and fined Albany Life £375,000 and ordered it to pay £32,000 costs for failing to meet its first deadline in the pensions mis-selling

review. Albany had to settle 90 per cent of its 983 most urgent cases by the end of September. However, delays in getting information from occupational pensions schemes into which

mis-selling victims are supposed to be reinstated meant the company had offered compensation to only 30 per cent.

Malcolm Kerr, marketing director, said the company had

now reached its target. However, he could not guarantee that it would reach its second target of senting all 2,833 cases by

£375,000 by PIA

### Hogg Robinson to beat pensions deadline

HOGG ROBINSON, the travel and financial services group pilloried by the Government earlier this year for its pensions mis-selling compensa-tion record, expects to have cleared all outstanding priority cases by

In July the company headed a table of the worst offenders issued by the Government as part of its "naming and shaming tactic, having settled

only I per cent of priority cases. But the company said yesterday that it expects to meet the deadline for settling priority cases for people approaching retirement age.

David Radcliffe, chief executive.

said 54 per cent of priority cases had been completed by October, and the total of 1,900 cases would be settled by March, well ahead of the December 1998 deadline.

The cost of settling cases has increased because of the impact of

advance corporation tax changes and higher annuity costs. However, Nev-ille Bain, chairman, said: "We believe there will be no material financial impact over and above our current provisions for priority cases on the full-year results." Mr Bain declined to reveal the amounts involved.

The news came as Hogg Robinson revealed a rise in underlying half-year profits from £12.05 million to £14.53 million on sales up from £699.8 million to £735.8 million.

However, the pre-tax figure shrank from £14.02 million to just £1.9 million after a £12.95 million provision on the sale of the transport division in September. There was also a £400.000 provision for the relocation of its head office.

Financial services, which UK Active Value, holder of 4 per cent of the shares, has been pressing the com-pany to sell, raised profits li per cent to £4.28 million.

cent rise at constant exchange rates. Mr Radcliffe said financial services would be retained, although he admitted: "Some elements might not

fit longer term."

Mr Radcliffe also said that the group had £65 million at its disposal to fund acquisitions, and a further EIS million to fund a buyback of up to 7.5 per cent of its shares. An interim dividend of 4.07p (3.70p) will be paid

#### Debt deal for Russia

RUSSIA and its Western creditor banks closed a landmark \$12.3 billion (£19 billion) debt deal, marking a further step in the country's financial rehabilitation. "Today we finalised the closing procedure on London Club restructuring." Andrei Kostin. chairman of Vneshekonombank, the state bank, said in London. The deal was signed by 423 banks and financial institutions belonging to the so-called London Club of commercial creditors. Mr Kostin said that the transfer of about \$3 billion would be made as part of interest navnents to all creditors.

#### Airbus seeks \$500m

THE Government may be asked for a loan of up to \$500 million (£303 million) to help to launch an aircraft that would be bigger than the Boeing 747, currently the largest on the market. Airbus Industrie, the pan-European aircraft manufacturer, wants to build the A3XX to be in service in 2003. The aircraft would have the capacity to carry 555 or more people and would also contain innovations such as a gym, a bar or a creche. The total cost of the project is likely to be about \$8 billion.

#### Applied breakthrough

CVD (chemical vapor deposition) system, designed to use copper instead of aluminum to make faster semiconductors.

#### Chieftain confident

SHARES in Chieftain, the engineering and construction group, rose from 57'2p to 75p after it said the results to December 31, 1997, were expected to exceed current market estimates by a significant margin. It said that, since the acquisition of the pipework fabrications and exection business of R Blackett Charlton in 1994, the group had been substantially reorganised. It is now focusing on higher margin engineering products and services including indus-trial pipework, ductwork, and other steel fabrications.

#### Leslie Wise hit

SHARES of Cabletron Systems lost 22 per cent of their value after the US provider of networking products and services warned the New York Stock Exchange that earnings would miss the mark for the third straight quarter. Cabletron fell \$6.06 (£3.50) to \$17.125. The company said earnings for its fiscal third quarter ending in November were likely to be between 8 cents to 12 cents a share, well short of consensus estimates of 39 cents a share. It was estimated that revenues would drop to between \$330 million and \$340 million from \$361 million a year ago.

MINORCO said Copebras, its 73 per cent-held subsidiary, and Albright & Wilson have signed a letter of intent to form a joint venture based in Brazil to supply the growing phosphate markets in Chile and the Mercosur, the trading bloc established by Brazii, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. The venture, owned 50 per cent by each partner, will combine the local market presence and assets of Copebras with the

would be made as part of interest payments to all creditors.

APPLIED MATERIALS INC is expected this week to unveil a new system for manufacturing semiconductors that will help the microchip industry to move more quickly to the production of advanced chips using copper. Applied, based in Santa Clars, California, is the largest maker of equipment used to manufacture semiconductors. Analysts said that Applied would announce a core system for making semiconductors, called a

SHARES of Leslie Wise fell 5p to 19p after the clothing manufacturer said that profitability for the year to November 30 would be below expectations at the time of its interim statement. Pressure on margins in the second half has been accentuated by the continuing difficult trading conditions on the high street. The company said: "Although the garment division overall has achieved a moderate increase in volume, the pressure applied to margins by the major retail groups has reduced the division's profitability."

#### Cabletron shares plunge

#### Copebras joint venture

technology and global network of Albright & Wilson to build a technical phosphates plant, with start-up by the end of 1998.

### Stagecoach will invest if franchise is extended §

By Fraser Nelson

STAGECOACH has offered to spend more than £400 million on new carriages for its South West Trains network if John O'Brien, the franchising director, agrees to extend its fran-chise for a further seven years. Brian Souter, chief executive

of the transport group, is to tell Mr O'Brien that Stagecoach will make the London Waterloo commuter line the most modern rail franchise in Britain if it is given the chance to keep running it until 2010.

The offer will stand until the next set of rail franchises comes up for tender in four years' time. Mr Souter said: "We run 120 sets of trains, and we're renewing 30 of them already. What we're saying is that we will renew the lot if the franchise were extended. We could do it all in three years if we were to get the green light now."

The new trains would replace its 360-strong slam-door fleet, bought via its Porterbrook leasing company, then hired to South West Trains. Stagecoach has already ordered 30 new trains for £90 million. It has the franchise until 2003.

The offer comes nine months after Stagecoach was fined £1

#### Videologic deeper in red at half time

VIDEOLOGIC, the troubled computer graphics company, yesterday said that first-half pre-tax losses more than doubled in the six months to September 30, from £1.2 million to £2.9 million, while turnover fell 25 per cent, from £7.3 million to £5.4 million.

The company also said that Tony Maclaren, its chief executive, would stand down after 13 years

with the group.

Videologic blamed the poor results on its £1.9 million restructuring, which will make the company more dependent on royalties from component and chip design than on product building. Geoff Shingles, its chair-

man, said he was confident in the future, and highlighted a £1.3 million investment by NEC, the electronics group, as proof of potential. "The development of 3D graphics rein-forces our belief that our technology strategy and partnerships are the correct model for continued success," he said.

million for cancelling 2,000 trains, after it made too many drivers redundant. Mr Souter said the company had completely recovered from the problems and has cut the workforce by a further 200. to 3.700, at a cost of about £5 million. Stagecoach's half-year re-

yesterday identified

South West Trains and Porterbrook leasing companies as the two most profitable parts of the privatised rail network. It made £7.8 million profit from South West Trains, after a £1 million-a-week subsidy, helped by an overall £73,000 bonus from the franchising director. Porterbrook, which has just over 100 staff, made a profit of £62.7 million after taking in £186 million in rent from its 17 rail franchises. This helped overall pre-tax profits to reach £70.5 million (£47 million) for the six months to

It said the number of timetabled rush-hour rail carriages on the Waterloo line rose 4.9 per cent over the six months, although in practice technical problems saw the company fined £236,000 for running too few carriages.

October 31.

Some analysts fear that Porterbrook's operating mar-gin will be curbed by regula-tion. Analysts said that Porterbrook's operating mar-gin of 34 per cent is better than any company in the FTSE 100 index bar National Grid and is inviting a government crackdown.

Mr Souter said these fears were "completely off the wall", adding: "Porterbrook's contracts are protected under English law." He said the company would seek compensation if

the contracts were broken. The £2 million cost of competing with rival Firstbus in Strathclyde and Fife was blamed for sluggish growth of 1.5 per cent in the bus division. The company has ordered 529 buses for delivery, a third fewer than the number on order last time.

The interim dividend rises a third, to 4p, suggesting a total 12p payout for the full year. This would give Mr Souter £4.06 million in dividends and provide Ann Gloag, his sister, with a £3.37 million payment.



### Character toy firm hopes to double size in year

BY CHRUS AYRES

CHARACTER GROUP, the toy company responsible for bringing Spice Girls dolls and Teletubbies keyrings to the shops, yesterday said that it could double in size over the next 12 months.

The company, which has already sold 800,000 Teletubbles keyrings in the run up to Christmas, made the claim as it reported a 29 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the year to August 31, from £3.6 million to £4.7 million.

good Christmas, we have met all our projections and we're short of merchandise." He said the first shipment of Spice Girls dolls sold out within an hour of reaching the shops, and supply could not meet

demand. "My opinion is that we could make two million and they'd sell out," he said. Character's sales rose 36 per

cent, from £30 million to £41 million, last year. Earnings per share were up 22 per cent, Richard King, chairman, from 12.33p to 15.08p. A total related goods, he said. It has said: "We're having a very dividend of 4.5p, up from 3.5p, cash balances of £3.7 million.

is due to be paid on January

pany will certainly double in size within the next two years, possibily this year. We have a very broad range of products over 3,000 in one of our divisions — and they are in new areas that are expanding very

The group aimed to grow organically, but was considering opportunities to buy companies involved in character-

### Siebe free of Far East woes



Yurko: Asian sales strong

SHARES in Siebe clawed back seen any decline in booking much of last month's losses yesterday after the maker of temperature controls said that it is not being affected by turmoil in Par Eastern markets

(Fraser Neison writes). The company, which exports £200 million of goods to the Far East each year, also assured the City that currency fluctuations would not prevent this year's profits from being

"outstanding".
Allen Yurko, chief executive. said: "Our order book in Asia is very strong and we have not

rates yet."

Pre-tax profits rose 16 per cent, to £222 million, in the half year to September 9, even after an EIS.3 million reverse from sterling's strength. Earnings per share rose to 27.7p (24p). An interim dividend of 5.4p (4.9p) is due on April 8. The shares, down to £10.39

last month, rose 38p to £11.63 as analysts lifted full-year profit forecasts from £491 million to £505 million.

#### losses — this time a loss of £1.9 million (£5.4 million) in the year to August 31.

expects to

end run

of losses

BY RAYMOND SNODDY

MEDIA EDITOR

CHRIS WRIGHT, chairman

of the Chrysalis Group, said

yesterday that brokers now

expect the radio, music pub-lishing and television produc-

tion company to move into

profit, or at a least break even,

in its 1998-99 financial year.

Mr Wright was speaking

after announcing the compa-

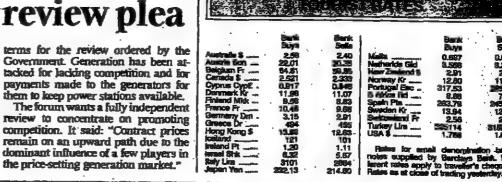
ny's fifth year of pre-tax

He said that in the five vears "we have built an important major company" by investing in everything from new radio licences to music publishing. During the year turnover rose 7 per cent, to £99 million, and the operating

loss fell 13 per cent from £5.8 million to £5.1 million. There was an exceptional profit of £2.6 million on corporate disposals. The loss per share was 5.53p, against 19.45p last time and Chrysalis is paying

a dividend of 2.75p.

Mr Wright also said the current year had started well and after five years of heavy investment the company had estabalished a leading position in its chosen markets".



### Brown urged to spend

GORDON BROWN will today come under fire from a senior Labour peer over his refusal to boost economic growth by increasing public spending

(James Landale writes).

Lord Barnett, Chief Secretary to the
Treasury in the last Labour Government in the 1970s, will say that unemployment will grow to unacceptable levels unless he loosens the public purse strings.

Last week Mr Brown gave a pessimis-

tic assessment of the economy's future in his pre-Budget statement, forecasting growth dipping to below 3 per cent.
Speaking in a debate on the economy in the Lords today, Lord Barnett will say: "Growth figures are too low. We are going to go to the end of the century with economic growth levels forecast to be well below 3 per cent and I find that too low. The Chancellor should go for

#### Generation review plea terms for the review ordered by the Government. Generation has been at-

BUSINESS users, including J Sainsbury, GKN and British Airways, are pressing for electricity generation to be thrown into the spotlight of a review into power trading (Christine Buckley writes). They called for large generators to be forced to sell more power stations to boost competition. The call from the Utility Buyers Forum echoes other pleas to the

payments made to the generators for them to keep power stations available.
The forum wants a fully independent

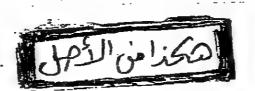
review to concentrate on promoting competition. It said: "Contract prices remain on an upward path due to the dominant influence of a few players in the price-setting generation market."

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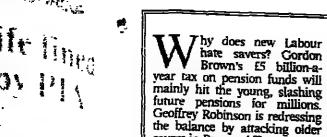




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savers in Peps and Tessas. The young will be allowed to subscribe up to £50,000 over a decade or more into his Individual Savings Account, hoping to build up tax-free savings of perhaps £150,000 plus. But those who have invested £50,000 over ten years in Peps and Tessas will have the return on that saving treated as the wealth of the rich and have its tax privileges re-moved. Those relying on the income from that £50,000 saving in retirement will have their income slashed.

As it happens, savers who put near the maximum into Peps from the start might now reasonahly expect to have savings worth £150,000 or more after charges. Potential ISA savers should presume that the same fate awaits them if they take the Treasury's tax shilling.

If you can manage to put by up to £50,000, you are an ordinary saver who deserves encouragement. If you earn a reasonable return, you become, as Mr Robinson put it, "very well-off people" who exploit tax loopholes at the expense of ordinary taxpayers. He may not have noticed that these are the same people. New Labour was determined

### Robinson gives savers a lemon

to have its own completely different savings scheme. Its absurdly complex ISA proposals show the blinkered zeal of compulsive meddlers who are a soft touch to homely pressure groups such as friendly societies.

There is one welcome novelty. Those on modest incomes carsave up to £1,000 a year in secure deposits that yield tax-free income without tying money up for as long as in Tessas. Annual deadlines for tax privileges can persuade people to save more. But the main reason so many do not save is that they cannot afford to. The only way to change that is to impose cuts in their living standards by law (as in the forthcoming stakeholder pen-

sion) or to axe the welfare net.

ISA schemes to attract small savings into deposits will no doubt develop separately, not least because the costs of a hybrid ISA, taking in all the hybrid ISA, taking in all the options, would be too high. The same could have been achieved, however, by a dedicated new National Savings scheme, or one run by banks and building societies. The extra cost in lost tax could easily have been met by cutting the annual Pep limit. Why be pragmatic, though, when you can have fun wrecking



people's savings plans? In just seven months, the Government must have convinced everyone that they can have no faith in any long-term savings vehicle remaining intact.

More raids will be made on pensions; ISAs are designed for tinkering. Best put the money in the only tax-efficient vehicle that one can rely on top Government ministers of any party to defend to the last: an offshore family trust like Mr Robinson's.

#### When the business is beyond the bank

udible sighs of relief ema-A nated from Lothbury yes-terday, as NatWest rid itself of the vestiges of any. aspiration towards investment banking. Chief executive Derek Wanless was even prepared to don verbal sackcloth and admit what a hash NatWest had made of its ambitions in that direction.

otherwise, given the figures in-

In its mood of mea culpa, the bank decided to confess the extent of its failure rather than fudge now and work on producing a prettified picture for unveiling at the year end. The truth provides a gorey illustration of how quick and easy it is to lose vast sums of money in these markets if you couple incom-petent management with tricky trading conditions.

of one-upmanship over the chaps at Barclays seemed to be providing some comfort, and even encouragement, during what would otherwise have been an exceedingly painful exercise.

As NatWest owned up, a sense

So there was much emphasis on the fact that, unlike Barclays, NatWest's sales are at least at a premium to net assets, even if the £179 million price struck some as miserly. Most had also underestimated the scale of the losses

He could hardly have done the bank had been cranking up in its putative investment bank under Martin Owen's leadership. Yesterday, NatWest fore cast a loss for the year of £210 million before the £270 million cost of restructuring after the

sales and the little matter of £77 million that went missing from the derivatives business earlier this year. But, hey, what's £557 million when you're learning your limitations? Wanless and his chairman, Lord Alexander of Weedon, must now convince the City that the lesson has been learnt and that

they now have a clear strategy for NatWest. If, for instance, they cannot reassure customers that they are wedded to the corporate finance division long term. deals will continue to go elsewhere. They have much to prove, for they were theoretically in charge as costs at NatWest Markets soared and supervision slipped

under the Owen regime.
Others in the City are still

splashing the cash around, however. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell is paying £50 million for NatWest's global equity derivatives division. Most of that is accounted for by the 100 individuals involved. Figures like that explain why Britain's clearing bankers have decided they don't want to play such dangerous

#### Osborn puts the boot into Sears

games any more,

or John Osborn, buying the Dolcis business from Sears may have something of the sweet smell of revenge. He was booted out of British Shoe Corporation just as he was wielding the axe which was so desperately needed to try to bring the straggling operation into line. The turnround he has effected at Alexon is evidence of what he might have achieved had Sears allowed him a little longer at BSC.

Yet the deal he has constructed with Electra Fleming indicates he certainly has faith in his abilities. If he can pull Dolcis into the shape he wants within two years, he has the option to buy out Electra at twice the price of their investment: the sort of return of which venture capital-ists dream. If the turnround takes longer, the cost of independence rises to up to £30 million.

Sears must already be dreading the reaction if Osborn should accomplish the two-year transformation. The sale is costing the company £13 million and seeing Dolcis rapidly put to rights would be another indignity in a long line of them. The company sold its Olympus sports chain to Philip Green only to see the business race ahead towards flotation on the back of a booming sportswear market. Sears was left bemoaning its dwindling sales as customers flocked to its former shops.

With bids due in for its Shoe City and Shoe Express chains by the end of this week. Sears must be dreading letting others dem-onstrate how good those busi-nesses too could be.

#### Herculean battle

THE battle between Bradford-based Allied Colloids and the American chemicals company, Hercules, is shaping up for a fascinating fight. Yesterday the plain-speaking northerners fired off a set of figures that would have been even more remarkable were there not an aggressive bidder on the scene. Chief executive David Farrar is new enough to the job to have no need to defend Colloids' history, only its prospects. So much easier.

### Bid talks boost shares in troubled Merrydown

BY DOMINIC WALSH

MERRYDOWN, the Sussex cidermaker laid low by the slump in sales of Two Dogs alcoholic lemonade, saw its market value soar 15 per cent yesterday after it revealed that it was in bid talks.

Richard Purdey, executive chairman, said: "If an offer is forthcoming that the board feels to be in the best interests of shareholders, it will proceed accordingly." Its shares gained 15p to 65½ p.

There was speculation that the company could be in talks with a rival such as Matthew Clark or HP Bulmer, although analysts said Matthew Clark was probably 100 busy rehuilding its brands after a battering at the hands of the explosion, and alcopops Bulmer said that it was not in

A more likely option would he a larger drinks or brewing group with the muscle to support and distribute the company's cider and Shioer grape juice brands. Analysts cited as a candidate Pernod Ricard, pointing out that it had shown an interest in



Richard Purdey of Merrydown is hoping for a formal offer

Taunton Cider before it was acquired by Manthew Clark in 1995. The French group distributes Two Dogs in Europe. In case a formal bid fails to materialise, Mr Purdey has an alternative strategy of scaling back the company and reshap-

ing the board under a new

non-executive chairman,

Andy Nash, former managing director of Matthew Clark and a former commercial director of Taunton Cider.

Mr Purdey, executive chairman since 1992 and a member of the founding family, would become non-executive deputy chairman. Two other directors, Colin Fitch and Peter

Monro, would retire at the

next annual meeting.

The sharp drop in sales of Two Dogs, and the difficult trading conditions that continue to afflict the cider market, contributed to a pre-tax loss of almost £1 million, compared to a profit of £670,000. Turnover in the six months to September 30 slumped by 41 per cent, to £11.45 million. The loss per share is 6.73p compared to earnings of 3.57p and there is no interim dividend.

The company was forced to hand over distribution of Two Dogs to Scottish & Newcastle, but yesterday it said the move had failed to prevent sales diminishing to a fraction of its former volume", thought to have been £50 million at the height of the alcopops craze last year. Handing distribution to S&N was responsible for most of the exceptional costs of £630,000.

Mr Purdey said changes taken to cut costs meant trading for key brands in the third quarter was ahead of the same period last year.

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### Dorling dips on profits warning

**BY OUR CITY STAFF** 

SHARES in Dorling Kind-ersley fell from 24712p to strength of sterling is having a greater adverse impact on 221p after the publishing group said that it expects pre-tax profits for the half year to December 1997 to be lower than the £6.8 million achieved in the first half of last year. The benefits of a cost-

reduction programme, in-troduced earlier this year and now being stepped up, will begin to flow through in the second half, which is traditionally Dorling Kindersley's stronger trading period, said Peter Kinderslev, the chairman, at the company's annual meeting.

Mr Kindersley told shareholders: "The continuing margins on our trading outside the UK - some three quarters of group turnover - than was originally anticipated.

He said that turnover through DKFL the family learning business, although still growing well, would be below previous expectations. Dorling Kindersley has appointed two new execu-

tive directors. David Houston and Alan Luce. Mr Houston's appointment as group finance director, in succession to Peter Gill, will take effect next year. Mr Luce's appointment is with immediate effect.

### **Bodycote to save** underwriting fees

BY OUR CITY STAFF

BODYCOTE International. the engineering group, expects to save some £1.25 million in underwriting fees through its deeply discounted non-underwritten 1993 million rights

John Chesworth, managing director, said the 500p-a-share. one-for-four rights issue would fund the £b0.7 million acquisition of Hit, the French thermal coarings group. The remainder of the funds would be for further acquisitive moves. He said that the board was looking to complete "several additional acquisition opportunities".

Bodycote is backing the rights issue with a pre-tax profits forecast for the current year of not less than £47 million and a final dividend payment of 6.5p a share. Mr.

Record results

from Siebe and

still growing

Chesworth said he would be "very surprised" if the rights issue was not supported by its main institutional shareholders, which include Robert Fleming and Prudential Corp. which respectively speak for about 10 per cent and 6 per cent of the shares.

"The Hir deal will give Bodycote another good profit stream and follows on from our acquisition of Brukens last year." he said. In 1996 Bodycore called on

shareholders for Ello.2 million in a one-for-three rights at httop to help to finance the £57.5 million acquisition of Brukens, the Scandinavian group. The Hit deal will give Bodycote clear leadership in France in the contract heat treuimeni markei.

#### MoD deal funded by £1bn issue

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

ANNINGTON HOMES. which last year bought the Ministry of Defence homes portfolio, is preparing a £1 billion securitised bond issue to complete its funding of the £1.66 billion deal. Annington is expected to

come to the market in about two weeks selling honds backed by income streams on the properties, including the portion of the estate that generates non-guaranteed rent. Annington made a £900

million bond issue in Octoher covering the part of the rotate whose rents are still guaranteed by the MoD. Annington was set up last year by Nomura, the Japanese bank that owns 75 per cent of the company, to manage a portfolio of more than 57,000 homes bought from the MoD.

The cale of the homes came under political fire. Unities claimed that the former Government sold them too cheaply. Annington has already sold about 330 homes for £10 million and has 2400 to put on the market The MoD pays it rent of £107 million.

### Bidder unmoved by Colloids results

By OUR CITY STAFF

HERCULES, the unwanted £1 billion bidder for Allied Colloids, responded to the announcement of a 52 per cent rise in pre-tax profits at its target by remaining convinced that its 155p-a-share bid was

Allied Colloids shares, however, twitched the other way, rising lp to 169p after the group revealed interim pre tax profits of £32 million, in line with analysts' expectations. Analysts noted an increase

in margins. One said: "I would expect Colloids to amplify some of the backbone of these results as the basis for



Farrar: call to reject offer

setting out the main plank of the defence document." He added that the rise in operating margins to 15.1 per cent from 11.3 per cent is "clearly a trend that is very welcome". The analyst explained that

historically margin growth, not sales growth, had been the problem with Allied Colloids since raw materials costs increased a couple of years ago. However, doubt was cast on the sustainability of the margin increase by one analyst, who pointed out that margins at CPS, a recent acquisition, were about 18 per cent and so its integration had artificially increased group margins.

The defence document from David Farrar, chief executive. and the rest of the Allied Colloids board must appear on or before December 10. In the meantime the interim dividend rises 13.3 per cent to 0.725p.

Mr Farrar said: "We will be communicating with shareholders shortly to explain that they should reject this offer because we believe that we can deliver better value to our shareholders as an independent company. We continue to urge shareholders to take no action in respect of the offer."

#### **Johnsons** deal lifts **Dawson**

By Chris Ayres

News for £32 million.

whose news wholesale business is the country's third largest, about 20 per cent of the UK market, with sales of £529 million. The company also specialises in updating lending and collecting sys-tems for libraries. Dawson said that the pur

chase of the business, which has turnover of E210 million, would delay its planned move to the main market until later in 1998. The acquisition will be funded by £28 million in cash and the issue of two million new shares.

Peter Brown, chairman,

SHARES in Dawson Holdings, the information services provider listed on the Alternative investment Market, rose 15p to 210p after it unveiled a deal to buy the news wholesale business of Johnsons The deal will give Dawson.

said: "The geographical fit of the two operations is excellent and the strengthened resource of the enlarged business particularly in systems and information technology will enable the group to continue its investment in improved services for pub-

#### in Russia, Siebe is helping to automate baby food factories to meet that nation's % change 1996 - 1997 6 months Interim results for the six months ended to 30.9.97 to 30.9.96 30 September, 1997 Turnover (£m) 1,706.5 up 16.0% 1,471.4 Pre-tax Profit (£m) 221.7 190.4 up 15.4% 13.0% 12.9% Earnings per Share (pence) 27.7 24.0 up 15:4% Dividend per Share (pence) up (0.2%

"Siebe continued to make considerable progress in the first half of the current year as witnessed by these results. Earnings per share of 27.7p were up again strongly, this time by 15.4%. Excluding the impact of adverse translational exchange rates, underlying earnings per share were up by 26.3%. So far as the balance of this year is concerned, organic

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order backlog growth continues across the Group and second half trading is off to an excellent start. The economies of North America and the UK are strong and key parts

of Continental Europe are looking more robust. We do have some concerns about our Far Eastern markets, but at this point the region continues to show good overall growth for Siebe. Volatile exchange rates are likely to be a continuing factor in the Group's reported results but here too we are well positioned to respond to this issue. Having taken

> account of all these factors we are confident that Siebe will deliver another outstanding performance for the current year." Barrie Stephens, Chairman,

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### Rivals may lobby over BBC

BY RAYMOND SNODDY ALEDIA EDITOR COMMERCIAL media orga-

nesations meet later this month to consider whether further regulations are needed to prevent the BBC "distorting the market by new and pianned commercial ventures. The TTV Association, the hody representing the ITV companies and leading magazine companies such as the Nate tail Magazine Com-

pany and Emap are expected to join the Commercial Radio Companies Association in looking at the present impact of the BBC on the market. The previous Government

whether there is enough com-

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encouraged the BBC to move into commercial ventures to try to subsidise the licence fee - a policy that the present Government seems to share. controlled. The point of the meeting The alternative is to say that later this month is to see

mercial relevision, commercial radio and magazine publishers to come together to campaign on the issue. Two approaches are likely

to be considered. One is to approach the Government to say that the commercial activities of the BBC, the UK's largest media organisation. should be more tightly

if commercial organisations

are to continue to face in-

subscription and advertiserfinanced channels launched by the BBC then commercial companies should have greater freedom to develop their A number of large commercial radio stations further add

creased competition from new

that BBC Radio I should be privatised and sold off. This would mean extra competition in the short term but would in the end extend the power and reach of commercial radio

STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Stock Market Writer

### Talk in the City pushes up Hambros share price

remaining merchant banks in the City, came within a whisker of its year's high of 270p on talk that its days of independence may be numbered.

The price ended lop better at 267p. with more than a million shares changing hands in a market where the normal transaction is only 10,000 shares. At these levels the group is valued at £475

City speculators claim that someone is ready to offer terms of at least 300p a share. Once again, the name of Société Générale, the French bank, is being bandied about. There has been a steady contraction over the years among the ranks of City banks

and securities houses after a big influx of foreign money. There was also speculation about a possible bid for Schroders, up 87p at £18.57 in a thin market, and the possible sale by Pearson, 3p better at 830p, of Lazard, its merchant banking arm.

Meanwhile, NatWest Bank finished 13p better at 898p after finally disposing of its global equities arm jointly to Bankers Trust and Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. The asking price fell short of expectations, but it was sweetened by the hint of a possible share buyback. Speculators say that NatWest could now find itself attractive to a bidder.

Share prices closed just below their best of the day after taking heart from solid performances in New York and Hong Kong. But trading conditions remained thin with investors keeping an anxious eye on the Bank of England to see if it raises rates after its monetary policy meeting that gets under way today. The FTSE 100 index closed

up 55.8 points at 4,977.6. BICC rose 10p to 162p with the help of encouraging comments from Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, which met the company earlier this week. Zeneca came off the boil, falling 25p to £19.25 in spite of the positive outcome to Monday's trip by brokers to the group's research and development centre at Macclesfield, Two brokers, ABN Amro Hoare Govett and Greig Midand have reiterated their "sell"



John Simons, the chief executive of Hazlewood Foods, saw his company's share price increase 4p to 159p

Shield's shares has been fuelled by prospects for the Activated Factor 12 process that detects heart ailments. News of a boardroom reshuffle at Royal & SunAlliance lifted the price 14p to 560p. The group can also begin buying ck its own shares.

The recent record-breaking run enjoyed by Vodafone has come to a halt, with the price

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falling 1012p to 38712p after Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, downgraded its recommendation from "buy" to a "hold". Ionica hit a new low with a fall of 2hp at 111hp reflecting last month's disap pointing trading news. The shares have now plunged from a peak of 421p this year.

Henderson Administration

rallied to close 5p ahead, at

Quoted stockbrokers

Charles Stanley, on 178½p, Walker Crips on 68½p, and Brewin Dolphin on 232p

One broker commented:

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A bullish trading update lifted Williams 92p to 3292p. to 2200

GILT-EDGED: Prices ended higher on the back of a technical rally to close broadly in line with other European markets. Sentiment cheered by the Bank of England's decision to restrict the ext auction to just £2 billion of five-year stock.

Meanwhile, investors wait anxiously to see if the Bank of England pushes interest rates

higher again this week.
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series of the Long Gilt closed
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pointing out it was less affectthan earlier feared. SBC Warburg Dillon Read continue to rate the shares a "buy" and it has now been joined by Socié tè Générale Strauss Turnbull, which has moved from a hold". Tomkins firmed 4p to 309p amid speculation it might be close to selling Smith & Wesson,a subsidiary. for

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ESOO million. Figures from Siebe were well recieved and the price responded with a jump of 38p to £11.63. Brokers start a twoday visit today to Foxboro, its subsidiary in the US.

News of a bid approach lifted Merrydown, the cider maker and alcopops group, 15p to 65½p. Potential suitors are thought to include Matthew Clark, 'ap firmer at 234'ap, and HP Bulmer,

down 2½ p at 415p. Haziewood Foods which John Simons is chief executive, rose 4p to 159p encouraged by an increase in

first-half profits A profits warning saw Dorling Kindersley, the educational publisher, fall 27'ap

OMI International firmed 2½p to 19p on returning to the dividend list and the news that two directors have been buying shares in the company. Richard Duggan has bought 230,000, taking his total hold-ing to 775,775, or 1.04 per cent, while Geoff Eades has picked up 20,000 and now holds

### Railing against regulation

SCARCELY surprising that Brian Souter, chairman of Stagecoach, is up in arms about the prospect of a regulator running Porterbrook in the half-year to September, the train leasing company made £62 million, more than half the group's total operating profit and twice the contribution of UK buses.

Porterbrook is an extraordinary business generating quite extraordinary returns. Never-theless, this is not an argument for more regulation unless it can be proven that tructural barriers are preventing competition. The train operating companies have agree ments to lease their rolling stock from the three rolling stock companies (Roscos) for the next five years. Parliament is unlikely to give ive years. Parliament is unlikely to give authority to the regulator or a Strategic Rail Authority to change those agreements unilaterally. Such a move would be tantamount to

to any private financing of the underground. Therefore, Porterbrook's revenues look

secure on a five-year view, enough time for-rivals with new rolling stock to enter the train easing market and cut rates. Moreover, it is difficult to see why giving the train operators a better deal helps the taxpayer. Passing on the benefit of cheaper rolling stock would require a comprehensive change in the entire regulatory regime. What the Government may want is more speculative investment by the Roscos but railway yards full of empty trains will not bring more passengers on to the rails. If regulation means more inefficient use of capital we will end up with British Rail Mark II. That prospect alone should ensure that Stagecoach's future is bright.

#### Merrydown

THE Two Dogs have finally turned and bitten Richard Purdey in the ankle. His decision to step down as executive chairman of Menydown cannot have been easy; strong family connections link him to the company, but the past few years of his 30-year cureer have been a bit of a

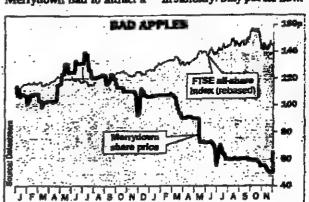
Two Dogs alcoholic lem-onade, initially hailed as a saviour, swiftly turned into a disaster. Mr Purdey can claim the honour of buying the rights to Two Dogs. At first it seemed an inspired deal as sales soared to £50 Initially, Bass's Hooper's Hooch was the only competitor, but in less than 12 months, almost 100 lookalikes flooded the shops. Merrydown shares took a

dive and Parliament took a

lively interest in kiddy booze so much that the current market is reckoned to be worth less than half the firmled £450 million value of a year ago. The market share of Two Dogs, Which lacks Bass's distribution and marketing muscle, plummeted to just 6 per cent.

At just 50p a share, Merrydown had to attract a

predator. The question bidders will be asking themselves is what the company is worth. Even after yesterday's 15p jump to 6512p, Merrydown's market capita is not much more than E7 million, but Mr Purdey will undoubtedly be looking for something closer to the LiOp that the stock was trading at in January. Stay put for now.



#### Siebe

SIEBE was well-prepared yesterday for questions about Asia. The company generates about 15 per cent of its business from the region but Siebe pronounced profits growth strong and order books buoyant. The only dark doud was in Japan, where the siuggish economy and a mild summer

depressed air conditioning

coutrol sales. Siebe says recent turmoil in Asia presents as much opportunity as difficulty; the engineering group exports more than £200 million from Asia. The collapse of Asian curren-cies gives Siebe's local producers a cost advantage in exports to North America.

It is still difficult to believe that Siebe is immune to a downturn in Asian consumption levels, evidenced by its being said, there is no doubt that this company is hard to beat in terms of pure operat-ing efficiency. Organic growth was 10 per cent last year and

margins rose from 14.7 per cent to 16.4 per cent in a period when its main rivals, Emerson and Honeywell, were suffering a slowdown. Siebe should easily achieve £500 million in profit this year and the benefits of removing costs from two large acquisitions, APV and Appliance Controls, should emerge next year. If the Asian flu does give the West a cold, there is every reason to retreat to quality, and in

that means

#### Shaftesbury

SHAFTESBURY'S deals always have an interesting angie to them. In July, the company bought 10 per cent of Warnford Investments, a sleepy property company controlled by the Sebba famly. Ignor Warnford has some attrac-tive assets, including Salis-bury House in the City and, most interesting to Shaftes-bury, it owns properties in

Once deemed to be a take-

over target, Warnford has been left to its aged board, one that has shown no sign of wishing to give up control - but Shaftesbury is used to playing a long game. By deft its control of a large swathe of the West End's prime restaurant pitches, including Chinatown, the Island site next to the Trocadero and properties in Covent Garden. Shaftesbury's style is to avoid big name tenants such as Mac-Donald's and cultivate the smaller traders that generate the right atmosphere. This approach is being used to elfect in Camaby Street, where Shaftesbury is getting ten-ants who are fleeing the high rents in Covent Garden. With multiple retailers crowding out bouniques in the West patch are soaring and the company is on the prowl for

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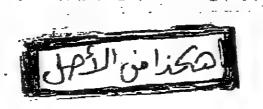


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The Government's role in promoting and preserving jobs is now firmly in the spotlight. The current focus for debate is the fate of Britain's coal industry, with reported splits in the Cabinet on whether the Government should act to save miners' jobs serving to remind us all of old divisions between interventionism and laisser faire.

Coal is a tough political issue for Labour, not just because of the threat to 5,000 jobs but because the industry's demise has been hastened by the design of Conservative privatisation of the electricity sector. Old Labour is on the march, breaking free from the Government's stranglehold on backbench (or indeed any dissenting) opinion to fight for a tradi-

tional constituency.

Messrs Brown and Blair are unlikely to respond to calls for large amounts of government money to save coal. They have not worked so hard to shift new

### Hunt for detail in national jobs strategy

Labour away from its past to fall at the first hurdle. Part of their thinking, as ever, is about presentation and style. Cool Britannia is in the business of promoting trendy, entrepreneurial industries such as film and design, not dirty old industries such as coal.

Some would argue that Government shouldn't intervene at all but, even in this era of liberal economics, it seems entirely legitimate for Government to attempt to maximise employment opportunities. New Labour's obsession with image makes it hard to determine whether there has been any consistency in its efforts so far. Each industry which lobbies on the grounds of saving jobs has to be examined with a cool head.

Thousands of jobs are deemed

to be in the hands of government

jobs in mining by subsidising coal, or a potential 16,000 jobs in acrospace by supporting the new generation Rolls-Royce Trent engine, or an estimated 50,000 jobs in the design and manufacture of racing cars, or even the 90,000 jobs which the new Union of Country Sports Workers says are at risk from the banning of fox hunting and other forms of hunting, shooting and fishing?

The Government's championing of creative industries over old industries fits perfectly into the image that it is manufacturing of a new, modern Britain but, to be fair. it also has some substance. There are some good arguments why Britain's coal industry should be allowed to wind down, not least that gas is cheaper and cleaner



and the Government is committed to tough targets to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The environment is a compelling argument against coal and, to those who argue against over reliance on a single source of fuel, why not plough more government money, if it is available, into the develop-

Gordon Brown has said, something that Britain is very good at and which should be encouraged. These are the jobs of the future. Ouite so. But it would be quite wrong for the Government to offer anything but carefully targeted help. The constant moan of the film industry is that Britain can't finance its own domestic filmmaking despite having many of the best technicians, animators, directors and actors in the world. But, in a global marketplace for skills, there is no reason why their job opportunities shouldn't continue to flourish even if financing comes from elsewhere. At the risk of being charged with cultural philistinism, surely the priority should be to ensure that excellent

these shores for reasons of sentimental cultural nationalism.

Success, in itself, argues against government hand-outs. This is what makes the decision to exempt Formula One from the ban on tobacco advertising so mystifying. Britain boasts a £1.3 billion industry in the manufacture of racing cars, half of which is exported. Ninety per cent of all race and rally cars are made in Britain. This world-beating expertise is surely not going to lose its market even if we lose the British Grand Prix from Silverstone.

The same argument could be employed to question the recent £200 million grant to Rolls-Royce. The company assured the Government that it has a ready market for its new engines and that its

investment would be returned with interest. It therefore seems odd that the company felt it needed a boost from the Government. Nevertheless, if any industry is a legitimate candidate for a public/private partnership, one which is of strategic national importance (and a very large employer) is probably it.

So what amid these great matters of state, can be said about the hunting lobby which has argued against the hunting bill on the grounds of jobs lost to the countryside? The Government first has to take an objective look at estimates of job losses of 90,000 and upwards. The rural, agricul-tural and allied workers' section of the Transport and General Workers' Union puts the number of jobs tied solely to hunting at 200. Then it should ask itself whether field sports is of strategic importance to Britain. In this case, at least, the Government ought to feel free to follow its populist instincts.

### Clouds over coal future matched by disenchantment with Labour

Miners want the focus on

energy policy and not RJB.

Christine

**Buckley** says

t is grey and overcast in Rossington, a mining village south of Doncaster. inside the half-empty welfare club, miners feel the presence of a bigger cloud the one hanging over the future of the coal industry.

Kevin Rowe has worked at the colliery for 19 years barring a brief spell when it was mothballed before being reopened by RJB Mining. For him the uncertainty that engulfs the industry has an alltoo-familiar feel.

The latest crisis may not be a surprise given power generation's dash for gas. But the fact that it is unfolding under a Labour Government is a surprise. Mr Rowe said: "The uncertainty is even worse now we had the Tories against the miners but now it speros like the Labour Party is against Richard Budge. It all seems very personalised and we are just pawns in this. The Labour Government seems to have washed their hands of us."

Today, along with hundreds of other miners, Rossington workers will go to the Commons, scene of the Trade and Industry Select Committee inquiry into coal, to lobby for action by ministers:

Miners at Rossington are hopeful the pit's plentiful reserves will stave off imminent closure in the shutdowns expected to be announced short-. y by RJB, and that the village will be spared the desolation of others nearby when their main source of employment went. The hope is shared by other Rossington residents fearful that the hallmarks of high regional unemployment - crime and drug use - will arrive on their doorsteps. The deprivation can be seen around Doncaster in areas

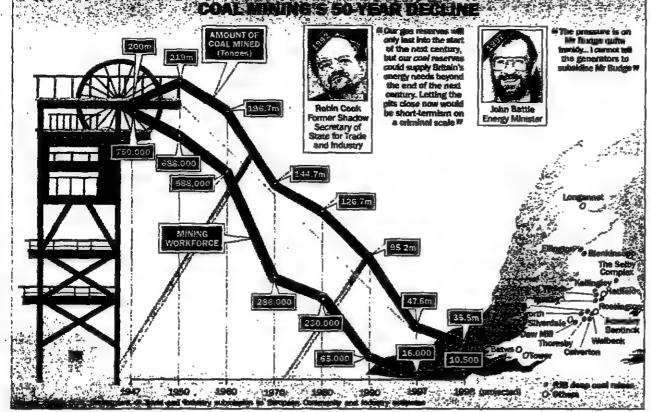
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such as Armthorpe, Bentley and South Elmsall. When production stopped at Rossington before RJB bought the business a couple of workshops were built by English Partnerships to encourage miners to start new trades.

the open, and the guilty men have been duly named and shamed,

perhaps a little more ancient history

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because there was no point. Without the mine, the lifeblood of the village was gone and there was little prospect of

creating a new business that stood any chance of survival. The men who work at Rossington — and many more in the rest of the industry are dinging to the hope that their mines will survive. Most have abandoned the hope they had in the Labour Party. They are disillusioned that the row over the coal crisis, which could soon see the shutdown of eight to ten pits, has been painted by the Government as a showdown with the profitable RJB, which is supposedly asking for subsidies. They want the debate to focus on an energy policy that Labour promised but which they say it has not delivered.

Charlie Ross, 23 years at Rossington, says: "Look at all that Cook said [when Robin Cook railed at the Conservatives for the pit dosure programmel and now they are sitting back and letting it happen. I believe there is animosity between John Battle (the Energy Minister) and Richard Budge."

Alan Horner, a miner for 25 years, argues: "It isn't Richard Budge or the Tories that we are talking about, it is Great

Old men forget

Nobody bothered, says John Britain because ultimately the was produced by British Coal. policy entirely in hock to the Blakey, who has been at country will pay for the pit Last year it was just 31 million Rossington for 22 years, closures. We will pay more if tonnes. Next year, according we are reliant on imported fuels because if you close the pits you can only rely on imported fuel."

The Government has pledged, on many occasions, an energy policy that is di-verse, sustainable and secure. But its critics say it is doing nothing to put that into action. Meanwhile, the rush to gas by power generators gas threatens to make the country overdependent on that fuel, in a similar way to its over-dependence on coal in the 1980s.

be deep mined. The shrinking market has brought coal to a new crisis after RJB failed to win sufficient contracts for the capacity it has available. Pit closures seem an inevitability unless the Government introduces measures to secure greater demand. Until recently there had seemed no sign of this. The Department for Trade

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It has been estimated that in a few years imported gas could the UK's generation needs. With home gas reserves estimated as low as 13 years if heavy use is made of them then Britain will quickly become dependent on imported gas. Many industry watchers warn that such a predicament will leave the UK vulnerable to sudden fluctuations in price.

Coal burn in generation has fallen dramatically over recent years. In 1989 nearly 80 million tonnes of deep-mined coal and Industry, rather than approved six new gas-fired stations since Labour took office in May. The Government's onerous environmental commitments have seemed to spell yet more bad news for

Now, however, there are signs the Government could be ready to map out some sort of future for coal. The Cabinet has been concerned with the political fall-out from thousands of miners losing their jobs. The danger of an energy

gramme to look at ways of ensuring the medium-term future of coal is under way. It may be too little and it may be too late, but it is all there is on the horizon for coal.

The Government has done much to emphasise how coal companies must be price competitive to secure contracts from the privatised generators, which have no such obligations. The coal industry argues that there is little point in bringing down coal prices if those reductions are not passed on to electricity customers. Central to the whole issue of the size of the market and the role of coal in an energy policy is the argument that the market is rigged for gas generation and that the lack of regulation in generation allows power producers to keep reduced coal costs as

Coal producers are forced to compete with falling world coal prices, which is largely driven by countries such as Australia, South Africa and the United States where the industries are relatively new and coal is cheaper to produce. UK coal also has to contend with supplies produced from Germany, where the industry is subsidised by the Government.

Midlands Mining has just opened a new face at Annesley Bentinck and with production slower initially on new faces it is all hands to the pump. Annesley, one of the Midlands' two mines acquired from the five owned by the collapsed Coal Investments, supplies PowerGen in a fiveyear deal. Peter Dawson, under manager in charge of

the new face, is at the cutting edge, quite literally. His job is to make sure the massive cutting arm churns out the coal safely. It is a job done in cramped surroundings, deep in the 680-metre mine.

At this time of the year the men on day shift never see daylight all week. They arrive in the dark, descend into the dark and emerge into the dark. But, says Mr Dawson, the day shift has been going home much later as the new face moved close to production. They have been keen to see the coal start to come off the face.

Chris Smith. Annesley's manager, only recently rejoined mining after a three-year spell in the car industry. He came back to a job he enthuses about. Colliery management is an unusual mix of and hands-on management, it is one of the few managerial roles where the boss must be able to do any job underground.

The worst moment of Mr Smith's career was during the British Coal dosures when he had to deal with miners who wept at the loss of their jobs and the lack of prospects. Mines tend to be in areas where there is no other key employer. But Mr Smith's spell outside

mining has given him a sharpened sense of the market and the customer. This, he believes, is a big part of coal's survival in a changing energy market. He says: "There still is a future for coal providing that we recognise what the market size is. I don't believe there can be an artificial market created. What we are really competing in is world markets, not a home-based one."

Annesley, which was first sunk in 1965, is the country's oldest colliery. It began what is the world's oldest coal industry. And with about 20 years worth of reserves at its disposal Mr Smith believes that Annesley could be both Britain's first - and last - largescale deep mine.

#### **BUSINESS LETTERS**

Terminal changes are not for the best

From Sir Terence Conran Sir, I was sad that Des Wilson's response (Business leners, November 281 to my criticisms of BAA has become rather personal. Perhaps he believes attack is the best form of defence.

Yes, I do have a vested interest because: I. I'm a proud citizen of the UK and hate the idea of visitors' impressions of our country being formed by the appearance of many of our gateways. 2. I dislike the fact that BAA has turned our terminals into shopping centres without

The massive profits made

by BAA selling goods both duty-free and VAT-free which we as taxpayers subsidise. 4. BAA does not pass on the duty or VAT savings to its customers. It buys a bottle of gin, whisky or vodka for around £2 from the distillers so imagine the profit it makes. 5. BAA can claim tax relief as a transport undertaking on the total cost of building where a high street retailer can only claim on fixtures and fittings.

planning permission.

6. When we designed the interiors of Heathrow Terminal I in the Sixties and Gatwick North Terminal in the Eighries they were both caim, efficient and uncluttered, with passenger care and comfort as the main consideration. Now they have changed because every bit of space has been used to turn them into which, of course, are made even worse by the vastly increased number of air travellers. The airlines certainly don't welcome the increase in hand baggage caused by the vast number of purchases made by their passengers.

Of course people would say they like shopping at the terminals because they believe they are buying things duty

and VAT-free. But the truth is that the things they buy in the high streets and the tax they pay on them are, in effect, subsidising the taxes that BAA and its tenants do not pay.

There have been several privatisations that have not been in the public's best interest and BAA seems to me to come near the top of the list. Yours sincerely, TERENCE CONRAN, 22 Shad Thames, SEI.

#### Conran did not just speak for himself

From Irene Boogerman Sir, Thank you for Sir Terence Conran's letter (Business letters. November 21) about the way BAA runs its airports. I fully agree with his views they are bewildering, pressurised places where you grit your teeth until it's time to reach the relatively quieter gate departure area. The seating and signage are a disgrace and for families with children (who often do not have the luxury of an executive airline lounge) the only entertainment available consists of nasty retail units

and gaming machines. Quite how Des Wilson can claim that Sir Terence doesn't speak for anyone else but himself puzzles me. As far as I am concerned, Sir Terence has spoken up for us, the passengers, and I'm glad a man of his what many of us think privately. It would be interesting to see what his design team could do if it were let loose on Gatwick or Heathrow's main terminals - but in view of BAA's reaction to his letter I won't hold my breath.

Yours faithfully. IRENE BOOGERMAN. 66 Cowper Road, Harpenden. Hertiordshire.

#### Cigars show duty-free profits are 'excessive'

From Mr Anthony Cavendish Sir. I could not agree more with Sir Terence Conran's remarks (Business letters, November 21) about the excessive profits made in the duty-free shops at BAA

A box of my favourite cigars in St James's Street costs £130. At the duty-free shop in Terminal 4, it costs £95. My diplomatic friends

who buy them from diplomatic stores pay £30 for the same box of cigars.

in reality then the duty-free shop is charging three times the base retail price. is there any way that can be

Yours faithfully ANTHONY CAVENDISH. Redlands. Sherfield-on-Loddon.

Hampshire.

#### An alternative for supporters of mutuality

From Mr David Hollady Sir. I read of the continuing threat to mutual societies of all types and wonder if there may be a card which those wishing to remain with a mutual

association might play. To date we have been of-fered Hobson's Choice when a society demutualises. But it seems to me that as an alternative to a windfall payment, those wishing to remain members of a mutual association could elect to have their mortgages, investments and pensions transferred to another existing or new mutu-al fund, at the expense of

the society wishing to demutualise, in lieu of a payment which effectively entices them to remain with their original financial institution in its new guise.

True, the temptation of a whacking great windfall is considerable, but those valuing the mutual status could thus have a comeback against carpetbagging - especially if such options to remain with a mutual organisation received official backing. Yours faithfully, DAVID HOLLADAY,

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95 West Graham Street, Glasgow.

#### Danger of imposing a 'married persons tax'

From Mr Philip Johnson Sir, Suggestions that Labour may follow the US example in

the overhaul of the present system of family credit, and might also end independent taxation of husbands and wives, would be a direct attack on married couples and the family as an institution. Joint taxation of husband and wife will encourage cohabitation whilst discouraging marriage. As illustrated in The Times of November 29, joint taxation of married couples each earning £20,000 per year would lead to an additional 24,000 annual

income tax liability. We have been happily mar-ried for 12 years. We are a working couple with two young children and both earn slightly above the national average income. Like millions of others, our finances are fairly finely balanced. If com-

bined taxation is reintroduced.

given the choice between re-

maining married but being pushed very hard financially or obtaining a quickie "divorce of convenience" to benefit from separate taxation status, we would probably opt for the latter.

If combined taxation on married couples were then to end, or our financial circumstances enabled us comfortably to pay what would be a discriminatory "married persons tax", we would then "remarry" as we would prefer it to be this way.

Successive Governments fiscal policies have penalised married couples as a soft target. Gordon Brown should appreciate that a large constituency of married middle-class working couples voted them in. Yours faithfully, PHILIP JOHNSON,

Parsonage House.

be praised, in 1986 was rescued by involving Jack Lyons, one of the chief protagonists, might now be made Robert Maxwell. public. Lyons, of course, was spared One Major Nigel Chamberlayneprison but fined E3 million seven Macdonald was a former chairman years ago because of his precarious of Grosvenor, and a director of J state of health. Now a hale and Lyons Chamberlayne, the private company that received some of the hearty 31, he requested only last week the chance to put the whole Guinness business behind him and get on with

Guinness cash. Another director was Tony "The Animal" Parnes. The Department of Trade and Industry took various statements from those involved over a possible prosecution of Lyons for insider trading in Grosvenor shares. A report by inspectors appointed under section 177 of the Financial Services Act was produced but, alas, the Act itself precludes its publication. So we will never know just what happened. Unless Lyons, who was last week much inclined to discuss his role in the Guinness affair, would care to enlighten us?

the matter of the Grosvenor Group,

an engineering business that came to grief in the mid-1980s and, the Lord

AN INBRED lot down in Horam. East Sussex, perhaps - it is Cold Comfort Farm territory, after all Richard Purdey, now non-executive deputy chairman of Merrydown and most likely the last of the founding families to work for the cider maker. The good news is at least all is step-son of one founder. The other our assets are liquid"



is his mather's cousin. All perfectly above board, though, Merrydown, far from having its roots in some mediaeval cider-vat, was founded in 1946 by Ian Howie and Jack Ward, the former an amateur wine-maker. the latter a former POW and serial escaper who used to make the stuff in the camp. They set up in business together, and Howie married Purdey's mother, who was Ward's cousin.

Rich pickings

GEOFFREY ROBINSON, the Paymaster General, looked as if he would rather have been anywhere else on earth than the QE2 Conference Centre yesterday for the launch of the Government's new individual

anyone who sought too much detail. And who could blame him? Labour lost the election before last because they reckoned anyone earning more than £30,000 was filthy rich, and it fell to the £12 million offshore trust fund man to provide a new definition of the term. It seems anyone with investments worth more than £50.000 in a Pep is entitled to scant sympathy as they are forced to take action to avoid huge tax bills by the millennium. But why on earth subject Robin-

savings account. He was nervous.

hesitant and distinctly tetchy with

son, an amiable cove and free with the keys to his holiday villa if you know him well enough, to such an ordeal, and so soon after being outed by the press? Surely the job could have gone to Dawn Primarolo, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury. who has responsibility for tax and is hardly known as a member of new Labour's Plutocrat Tendency?

◆ SOMEONE else who looked as if he would rather be anywhere else was Colin Smith, chief executive of Safeway, at the company's Christmas party for the press earlier this week. Smith has always struck me as cheer ful enough in the past, but I am told he was distinctly lacking in the usual Christmas cheer. I don't suppose it was anything to do with all the trou-ble Safeway has been experiencing of late - that failed Asda merger, the profits warning. Cheer up. Colin -

no one blames you for everything.

#### Hassall factor

AVERY BERKEL makes industrial weighing machinery. George Simpson - now Lord Simpson of Dunkeld - last year, put in a couple of lieutenants to restructure it. According to an internal GEC memo, the work is done and they are on their way. The troubleshooters are Mike Hassall, managing director, and Ian Slaughter, commercial director. Presumably Hassall provided the trouble and Slaughter did the shooting.

MARTIN WALLER



Lord Simpson: the GEC chief

weighed in at Avery Berkel

cosmetics group

BUSINESS ROUNDLE

LVMH sets up new

LVMH-Moet Hermessy Louis Vuitton has formed a new

fragrances and cosmetics group to intensity co-operation among its fragrances and cosmetics companies and to develop their international competitiveness. The company said that its fragrances and cosmetics group will comprise Parfums Christian Dior. Guerlain, Parfums Givenchy and

Parfums Kenzo, and is one of the "most powerful operators in this business sector on a worldwide scale". The company added: "It will aim to reinforce the

fragrances and cosmetics companies' strengths by accelerat-

ing the development of synergies surporting the companies' shared commercial interests and co-ordinating their distribution strategies while preserving each brand's identity." Patrick Choel, chairman and chief executive officer of Parlum

Christian Dior, has been appointed president of the new group, while Elizabeth Desvignes has been appointed the financial controller. She will continue in her previous post as chief financial officer of Parfums Givenchy until a successor

THE OLD ENGLISH PUB COMPANY has completed the

acquisition of seven individual coaching inns at a total cost of

£5.89 million, taking its estate to 111 houses. The biggest of the

newly acquired inns is the Cock Hotel, at Stony Stratford,

newly acquired inns is the Cock Flotel, at study Stratern, Buckinghamshire, for which the company has paid £1.87 million. In all, the group is paying £4.54 million in cash and £1.35 million in shares. Barry Warwick, chief executive, said that trading in the first eight months of the current financial year was "substantially ahead of last year", with organic growth in November of 8.3 per cent on a like-for-like basis.

Pub group expands

Richards challenge

has been appointed.

### Williams optimism cheers the market

BY OUR CITY STAFF

formances from all divisions

According to analysts, the

recent economic turbulence in

effect on the group's Asia-

Pacific businesses. The state-

ment said: "Fluctuations in the

value of sterling affect the

translation of earnings rather

One analyst said: "The key

point was the reassurance on

the Far East. In one sense this

was good news simply be-cause it wasn't bad news,"

fallen sharply in recent weeks,

depressed by expectations that its profits would be hit hard by

the economic problems in the

Far East and sterling's contin-

In its trading statement, the

company said that overall

demand in fire protection and

The performance of the

home improvement product

division had been under-

pinned by continued firm demand in North America

and the United Kingdom,

while market conditions in

France and Germany re-

In Chubb, the programme of business integration and

performance improvement had proceeded well, with ex-

cellent support from the oper-

ational management team, the

businesses would continue to

benefit from their strong mar-

ket positions and broad prod-

uct range throughout the

These strengths would be further underpinned by the full integration of Chubb, delivering lower costs, im-

proved competitive positions and accelerated sales growth

in many of its markets.

For 1998, Williams said that its fire protection and security

mained challenging.

company said.

world.

security had been good.

uing strength.

Shares in Williams have

than trading performance."

in the second half.

SHARES in Williams, the former conglomerate, rose SAp to 3284 p after the security released a positive trading statement that reassured the

Analysts had become concerned about the impact of the strong pound and the likely effect of the Far East economic crisis. Dealers said that they found the statement reassuring on both current trading and on growth prospects.

The analysts said that the market was heartened by the company's announcement that the promising outlook indicated at the time of the interim statement proved to be well founded, with the achievement of "pleasing" per-

#### Eldridge in shares shake-up

ELDRIDGE POPE, openator of the Slurping Toad and Fireside Inns pub concepts. is to revamp lts two-lier share structure by enfranchising its restricted voting A shares to create a single class of ordinary shares (Dominic Walsh writes)

Christopher Pope, chairman, said the proposal would open up the group to a wider range of funding opportunities to step

The news came as the group reported a 23.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £5.4 million in the year to September 30. Earnings per share rose to 20.2p (16.6p). A final dividend of 3.98p, payable on February 6, makes 6.1p (5.3p). The shares rose strongly, gaining 22½ p to 268p.



Steve McBrierty, left, finance director of

reverse side shows the Clydesdale Bank Morrison Construction, and Fraser Morrison, chairman, are especially proud of Clydesdale Bank's new £20 note. Its profits rose 40 per cent to £6.68 million.

half-year dividend of 1.80p, up from 1.64p, is to be paid out of earnings up 44

### Ericsson confirms | Scottish Radio still 10,000 jobs to go

FROM OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ERICSSON, the Swedish telecoms group, confirmed yesterday that it was planning to cut up to 10,000 more jobs in the future, part of a restructur-ing plan started two years ago in its Infocom division.

The company was respond-ing to a suggestion that about 10,000 new cutbacks were planned in coming years. Karin Almqvist Liwendahl, a company spokeswoman, confirmed that the group was planning further cutbacks, but emphasised that this was not new.

This is not something we

### out to add stations

SCOTTISH RADIO, the newspapers and commercial radio group that owns stations such as Radio Clyde, yesterday said that it is still looking to buy new stations and apply for new licences.

The company renewed its commitment to expansion as it reported a 33 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the year to September 30, from £7 million to £9 million, on turnover of £37.4 million, up 32 per cent from £28.4 million.

Earnings per share were

January 28, taking the total dividend to 9.4p, up from 7.8p. recent acquisitions - Down-town Radio and Cool FM in Northern Ireland - had seen a 73 per cent rise in profits: It added that its press division had benefited from printing

The company paid off all its borrowings during the year, and now has cash balances of El.7 million, with net assets

contracts won last year with the Irish Daily Mirror and Sunday Mirror.

BY CHRIS AYRES

RICHARDS, the textiles group, said it has received a requisition for an extraordinary meeting of shareholders to remove three of the company's directors and appoint three new directors in their place. The company said the requisition proposes that David Staveley, lan Lakin and Graham Sharp be appointed to the company and Brian Gilbert, Raymond Dinsdale and Frederick Dalgarno be removed from office as up from 5.3p, will be paid on Scottish Radio said that its directors of the company. The directors said they will write to shareholders in due course. The shares remained unchanged

#### Field seeks foothold

FIELD, the paper and packaging group, is seeking to establish a foothold in the Italian and Spanish pharmaceutical packaging and labelling market by acquiring operations in Italy and Spain with a turnover level in the range of £5 million to £10 million, according to Keith Gilchrist, the chief executive. Field raised pre-tax profits 14 per cent to £12 million in the six months to October 5, on sales up 8.5 per cent to £117 million. The interim dividend rises from 3.1p to 3.4p, out of earnings up 15 per cent to 15.3p.

#### Amersham signs deal

AMERSHAM PHARMACIA BIOTECH, a subsidiary of Nycomed Amersham, and Affymetrix have agreed a threeyear non-exclusive, worldwide sales and marketing deal. Amersham Pharmacia Biotech will act as an agent for the sale of some Affymetrix Genechip reagents, systems and software. Amersham Pharmacia will sell the Genechip product line as part of its current offering of reagents and instruments. Affymetrix and Amersham Pharmacia will coordinate the sales and marketing of some Genechip products.

#### 23p, up 23 per cent from 18.7p, and a final dividend of 6.4p, shares were trading four crowns lower at 320.5 (£24). are just doing out of the blue. totalling £22 million. Hazlewood blames disposals for fall

BY OUR CITY STAFF

PRE-TAX profits of Hazlewood Foods fell from £11.4 million to £10 million in the six months to September 30. The drop was put down primarily to a deepening of losses on disposals from £4.7 million to £9.5 million.

The convenience foods group's earnings per share fell from 3.09p to 2.07p, although

the group says that normalised earnings rose from 5.06p to 6.26p. The half-year dividend rises from 2.4p to 2.6p. Hazlewood said that share buybacks, acquisitions and capital investment are all equally attractive proposi-

buy back up to 5 per cent of its

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This is part of an ongoing process," she said yesterday.

Ms Liwendahi said the cut-

backs were started in the

Infocom division in 1995 and

had resulted in about 10,000 jobs being cut back. "Now we

have reached the halfway

point approximately. This

means that in one way or

another about another 10,000

people will be affected," she

However, she could not say

over what period the cutbacks

would be made. Ericsson's

tions. The group recently asked shareholders at its annual meeting for permission to

of a full buyback. However, John Simons, the

chief executive, said: "At the monthly we haven't done it a buyback but I think it is something we will regularly review and then take the cotion as and when.

He said the group has three options for the use of its cash - million of proceeds from dis-further capital investment. posals in special projects.

shares, sparking speculation a share buyback or in the half year, the group

was cash positive. Borrowings were reduced from £94.2 million to £50.7 million, while gearing was cut from 51 per cent to 28 per cent. The group is planning the

reinvestment of up to £10

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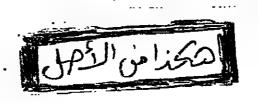
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### Koike guilty plea in Japanese extortion case

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

JAPAN'S most notorious racketeer, Ryuichi Koike, pleaded guilty yesterday to extorting tens of millions of dollars from y top Japanese financial firms in received about 700 million yen what has become the nation's

this decade. On the first day of his trial in a Tokyo court, Koike admitted that he had taken payoffs from the "Big Four" brokerages — Nomura Securities, Nikko Securities, Daiwa Securities and the now failed Yamaichi Securities — as well Yamaichi Securities — as weil minute hearing yesterday,

muckiest business scandal

Koike, 54, was brought into the crowded courtroom wearing handcuffs and with a rope held by court security officials passing through his arms and tied around his waist.

as from commercial bank Dai-

After a prosecutor read out the indictments Koike admit-ted he had demanded compensation and received cash from

He said: "I fully acknowledge

brokers in the mid-1990s in

that their shareholders' meet-

Kangyo Bank (DKB). The case

was adjourned after a 25-

with the next session sched-

former executives of the five

companies have been indicted

in connection with the payoffs.

ist known in Japan as a

sokaiya, who threatens to disrupt companies annual

meetings unless paid off. Such

payoffs have been illegal since 1982, but firms have found it

Koike is a type of extortion-

More than 30 current and

uled for January 26.

ings would go smoothly.

difficult to cut their ties to the that all the statements in the underworld. indictments are true." Koike's methods were sim-Prosecutors said that Koike

ple. He bought shares in DKB, then used threats of (£3.24 million) from the four troublemaking to obtain funds from the bank. He used those exchange for his assurances funds to buy stakes in all the Big Four brokerages so he could hold their meetings to Koike also pleaded guilty to receiving about 12 billion yen in illegal loans from Dai-Ichi

Last week the former president of Japan's largest brokerage, Nomura Securities, and two other former senior execu-tives pleaded guilty to paying

Yesterday's trial was thought unlikely to lead to any further big revelations, but it was another cause for gloom in Japan's financial sector as it prepares for reforms aimed at boosting competition and raising financial standards.

In November alone Japan suffered four financial failures, including last week's collapse of Yamaichi Securities.



Police guard Samsan Bank, which has suspended operations

### South Korea due to sign rescue deal

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH KOREA will sign a bail-out deal with the International Monetary Fund today, ending a period of confusion

over the fate of the package. Lim Chang Yuel, the Finance Minister, said that the agreement, still under negotiation, would not require the liquidation of any South Korean bank. Chung Duk Koo, South Ko-rea's chief negotiator, said the

tentative agreement did not contain measures specifically aimed at the chaebol, South Korea's big business groups. Mr Chung, also an assistant

deputy finance minister, said the agreement contained steps directed at broad corporate activities, but would give no more details. He said that the two sides had reached a basic agreement and the negotiations would now focus on

Earlier, Kang Man Soo, the Deputy Finance Minister, said the IMF programme would contain "substantial" measures covering macroeconomic co-operation, fiscal affairs including the budget and monetary policy — and re-structuring of the financial system. He was speaking at a of 14 Asian countries and the United States.

In Seoul yesterday there was widespread confusion in financial markets and the Government itself about whether an agreement had been reached and what it contained. The confusion began in the early hours of the morning when Mr Lim emerged from an overnight negotiating session to an-

nounce that a tentative agreement had been reached. Mr Lim was also the official who announced an agreement had been reached after an overnight session on Sunday. The agreement turned out to be tentative as well and later unravelled.

On November 21, the Seoul Government said it would seek IMF standby loans of \$20 billion (£5.9 billion), but Mr Lim later said the amount would be far more than that. Seoul is desperate for assistance because of a ticking time bomb with its short-term debt the reason it called in the

Economists say South Ko-rea's foreign debt had grown to about \$120 billion as of the

#### Yamaichi chief dies of fatigue

AN accountant from the failed Japanese brokerage, Yamaichi Securities, died of fatigue after working for 14 days without a break

when the company folded.
The accounting section chief, 38, died at his home in Tokyo last Friday. He worked without a break from a week before the Big Four brokerage went under in Japan's largest post-war failure, and did not leave the office

during that period. After returning home for the first time on November 27, a week after Yamaichi announced that it was closing, he was found dead in bed the following morning, a company spokesman said. Investigators are treating the case as karoshi, or death from overwork. Police made no comment on the case.

The preceding day, Seiichi Tanigashira, 40, an employee at a firm affiliated with Yamaichi, committed suicide by jumping off a building in the financial district of Osaka. He was a deputy section chief at Taiheiyo Securities Co.

### IMF chief sets out 'seven pillars of wisdom' for Asia

Camdessus says listen to market signals even if negative. George Sivell reports

SOUTH-EAST Asia should restructure and reform to get itself out of economic crisis, Michel Camdessus, the managing director of the Interna-tional Monetary Fund, said.

The Asian miracle economles have fizzled, but the region should rebuild its shattered ambitions through structural and policy changes, he said.

He was speaking to a conference coinciding with a meeting of Asian finance ministers. M Camdessus said hedge funds and other market participants gion to respect signals given by the markets even when they

South Asian Nations (Ascan), the IMF chief outpillars of new wisdom" the region. He said these included maintaining "an appropriate exchange rate strengthening financia forms to promote domestic

competition and "help to ensure benefits are widely shared". Other advice to

the region was more "peer pressure" among countries to were being followed since the problems of one nation can quickly affect its neighbours. "This was something miss-

ing in Asia ... you don't like to criticise your neighbours," M Camdessus said, "I would like to be your neighbour," he quipped, to laughter. M Camdessus, along with officials from the World

Bank, the US, Japan, South Korea, China and Australia are meeting with Asean finance ministers. Asean groups the econom-

ies of Brunei, Burma, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand

and Vietnam. Asia has suffer ed currency devaluations, bank fallures and sharply weakened share markets since the summer, when Thailand's economic crisis triggered an exodus of investors from the region. The prob-lems forced Thailand and In-

donesia to seek IMF aid.

M Camdessus told the gathering of Asian businessmen and government officials to continue being marketfriendly" because much of the region's success depended on

the success of their markets. Datok Ser Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Malaysian Prime Minister, has been a critic of bedge funds and currency speculators, accus-

> dermine his country. M Camdessus said, however that "it would be a mistake to blame hedge funds or other market perticicentral agents of turnoil in Asia". In answer to one Malaysian, M Camdessus also said speculators were

such activities were not directed at countries "where the financial structures ... are very strong". Dr Mahathir wants foreign exchange trading to the purview of the World Trade Organisation.

In his sixth point of advice, M Camdessus said the region should provide "timely, accudata", saying that transparen-cy should be a practice in good times and in bad.

He ended his speech on a hopeful note, saying he was sure the region's crisis "will lead to renaissance", adding: The miracle is over, but the maturity is with us."



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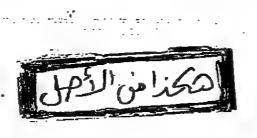
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#### BRIEFLY NOTED Trill till you drop

OPERA: The 400th anniversary of the birth of opera, hitherto somewhat overshadowed by the present parlous state of certain opera houses, has at last inspired a celebration worthy of this most extravagant of art forms. Plans for a festival modestly titled Universe of Opera will be unveiled in Austria tomorrow. To take place over three days next July, it will bring together what its organisers claim will be more than 50 superstars of opera", who will perform "the most beautiful arias that four centuries have produced nightly to a 50,000-strong audience in the Vienna Praterstadion, with live television broadcasts. Those "most beautiful arias" won't include any from the work generally regarded as the first opera, Jacopo Peri's Daphne of 1597. Its music is entirely lost.

**DANCE:** Despite mixed reviews, Matthew Bourne's groundbreaking Adventures in Motion Pictures company seems to have struck gold again with its West End production of Cinderella. The show, originally scheduled to close on January 10, has been extended to February 14 at the Piccadilly Theatre. Last year Bourne's Swan Lake became the longest-running commercial ballet ever mounted in London, and later transferred to Broadway.

HERITAGE: The nation's "favourite historic house"? Apparently it is Brodsworth Hall in Yorkshire. Opened to the public just two years ago. Brodsworth is preserved as a time capsule of a mid-Victorian "upstairs downstairs" household, complete with all the period furniture and fittings. It won its accolade last week in the NPi National Heritage Awards, after a nationwide poll of visitors to stately homes.

THEATRE: An old London music-hall will be pressed into thespian service for the first time in more than a hundred years this month, when Fiona Shaw performs T.S. Elior's poem The Waste Land. Shaw's twice-nightly run, opening on December 14, will be at Wilton's Music Hall near Tower Bridge in London. Built in 1859 and last used for public performance in 1880, it is claimed as the world's oldest surviving music hall. Directed by Deborah Warner, the 37minute production has already been seen in New York. Canada, Paris, Brussels and Cork.

MUSIC: The 19-year-old model Sophie Dahl will star in a new musical version of one of her grandfather's stories. Roald Dahl's Goldilocks has been set to music by the Austrian composer Kurt Schwertsik, and will be premiered by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow on December 18. Sophie plays Goldilocks. It will be the Roald Dahl Foundation's fourth musical commission. The next will be an opera, Fantastic Mr Fox, to be premiered by Los Angeles Opera next December.

POP: Lou Reed's "perfect day" continues. With his refurbished song topping the charts, courtesy of the BBC's Children in Need appeal and an all-star cast, the Velvet Underground veteran has signed a new record deal with Reprise, and written the music for Robert Wilson's new pop opera Time Rocker.

**COMEDY:** Flushed with the success of *Popcorn*, the comedian and novelist Ben Elton has a new play in the pipeline. Blast from the Past will be a two-hander, to be mounted next year at the West Yorkshire Playhouse in a production by Jude Kelly. If it works, expect to see it transfer to the West End some time next autumn.

MUSICALS: It's a big month for Stephen Sondheim fans: nothing less than the world premiere of his first musical opens on December II . . . at the tiny Bridewell Theatre in London. Saturday Night was written by the 22-year-old Sondheim in 1952 - six years before his work on West Side Story catapulted him to fame. The producer died before the piece could be performed in New York, and it sat in Sondheim's "bottom drawer" until two years ago, when a workshop performance of two of its songs at the Bridewell aroused curiosity. Sondheim, who is coming over for the previews, has not revised the work at all, preferring it to stand or fall on

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Why do the pop charts go silly

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**Paul Sexton** 

looks at a very British tradition

their field survey into the habits of the British record-buying public, let us hope for the sake of our fraying credibility that they do not get their clip-boards out during December. Once again, on the singles scene, its the season to be jolly silly, when punters walk openmouthed and open-walleted through a winter wonderland

of Christmas carbundes.

Better hold those stories about the vibrant creativity of Britpop until the new year. For the next four weeks, our charts will have slightly less sophisti-cation than the average chimpanzees' tea party - especially since we are now officially in the commercial stranglehold of those youthful recording discoveries Po, Laa-Laa, Tinky

Winky and Dipsy.

Teletubbies Say "Eh-Oh!", the debut single by the "pre-school" televisual tykes, was released this week by BBC Worldwide. With reported pre-sales of 400,000 copies, it looks a cast-iron bet to be top of the charts next Sunday. But this still would not guarantee the portly infants the much-prized Christmas No 1 spot, since another obligatory purchase, yet more emotive, lurks around the next corner. The Chicken Shed theatre company's I Am In Love With The World, the sole single release from the Diana, Princess of Wales: Tribute album, is released by Columbia on December 15 and seems certain to

be swept to the summit. Either way, records with such powerful emotional appeal have been enough to see off Oasis, whose All Around The World single is now not due for release until the new year. Bowing to a song associared with the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund is one thing. But imagine the humiliation for the Gallagher brothers of being outsold by a group of actors in Day-Glo body suits with television screens in their stomachs.

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about £100,000 in bets on the festive No I. "When we started doing it 15 years ago," says Graham Sharpe for the company, "we took about £500. Now it's the equivalent of a nice little horse race."

But if the Chicken Shed troupe does outrun the competition, punters will effectively be betting on the Christmas No 2 Aware of the record's delicate nature. William Hill is excluding it from the betting, as it did last year with the Dunblane memorial single Knocking On Heaven's Door.

"If the Chicken Shed record does get to No I, we'll pay out on the No 2," says Sharpe. "If we didn't exclude it; someone would accuse us of making

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William Hill now takes money out of Diana's memo-bout £100,000 in bets on the ry."Thus in the list of runners, Teletubbies stands at 8/13 favourite, with the Spice Girls' Too Much (also due on December 15) at 13-8.

But wait. Who is this coming up strong on the inside? Maureen Rees, of "world's worst driver" fame on the BBC1 Driving School series, has remade Madness's 1982 hit Driving In My Car, and enters the race next Monday on ARC/Eagle Records. "I

have got my eyes on the road," she wails, and with estimated retail orders of 100,000 copies, she's not

lying.

Back to Po and
Co. It would be a world many right old Ebenezer that bah-humbugged the harmbrought to millions by the linguistical-

ly challenged Flab Four. In a world in which such songs as Smack My Bitch Up routinely conjure images of aggression in the name of entertainment, many adults will welcome a three-minute excursion to Tubland.

But the inevitable creation of the tie-in single perfectly typifies the British record industry in action at Christmas. Once again, the world of low commerce has fashioned a product that parents know they must acquire in exchange for a moment's peace from the most powerful consumers in the household: the ones who

wear nappies. Retailers love it, of course. The race for the Christmas No 1 is really exciting," says Siobhan Ennis, singles man-

ager, at Tower Records in Piccadilly Circus. "At this time of year, people aren't being so serious about their purchasing. We've taken a hell of a lot of the Teletubbies record. The singles market is driven by children, and not just at

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Christmas. By contrast, the American pop charts are rarely prey to the eccentricities of the festive novelty. Billboard magazine's Hot 100 chart ploughs through December much as

any other month, and in recent years has produced such decidedly unseasonal Christmas chart-toppers as Michael Jackson's Black Or White.

But Fred Bronson, the Los Angeles-based editor of Billboard's "Chartbeat" the British singles

bazaar in December. "I'm jealous, because it's so much more interesting," he says.
"With the British chart, anything can happen. We have had our share of Christmas records in the chart in the past. But it hasn't happened so much recently."

However, if the US pop

bestsellers remain relatively novelty-free at this time of year, the country singles chart becomes a veritable homeless shelter for Yuletide songs. You will kick yourself for missing them, but 12 months ago these included not only Alan Jackson's Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer but also Joe Diffie's Leroy The Redneck Reindeer. Suddenly Teletubbies Say "Eh-Oh!" doesn't seem so bad.

### Still putting out the right beam

first upmarket en-A gagement, the ex-tended Lighthouse Family looked as though they had their cardigans on for the evening. Then out popped their breakthrough hit, Lifted, and rarely was a song so

aptly named. When Paul Tucker and Tunde Baiyewu and their large group tiptoed into Let It All Change, from their second album Postcards From Heaven, an evening of the politest coffee-table music seemed to loom. But such fears were to underestimate one of the more subtle British successes of

1996-97. In the spring of 1994, I received a compilation tape of forthcoming releases from Polydor Records on which one song, Ocean Drive, seemed to glisten with sunny sophistication. It was another year before its creators were to emerge from the incubator of some careful career development; almost two before their musical key started to fit the lock of radio airplay. The strides made by the Lighthouse Family since have

been quietly remarkable. The Ocean Drive album is now in 1.5 million British households and has held a place in the bestsellers for 92 weeks. So it has continued with Postcards From

Heaven, Keyboardist Tucker announced with genuine pride that they were cele-brating the news that the record had gone platinum. thus beating away the sophomore blues that often visit the follow-up album.

Furthermore, far from playing their joker too early with Lifted, the group industriously sustained its upbeat mood, both with newer songs such as Once In A Blue Moon and the recent hit Raincloud, and on upmarket properties from that Ocean Drive address. Loving Every Minute even featured two guitar solos from the only man on stage with hair to let down, Phil Hudson. Meanwhile behind them, scenes of the Tyne Bridge, blurring motorways and, of course, a beaming lighthouse provided a suitably soigné back-

drop.
Ocean Drive was the capper for the kind of sensible party that everyone could drive home from. The rays may not be blinding, but the lighthouse will long continue to beam.

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#### JAZZ: Chris Parker on a British-Finnish link, and a doughty veteran singer

### Mix but no match



and another baritone feature, dignity, tonal purity and emoinappropriately invited to stamp his individuality on proceedings through a few shortish solo bursts, with little time for the slow-building atmospheric playing in which he excels. Only one piece, Northern Lights, written by UMO pianist Kirmo Lintinen, allowed Surman suffi-

extraordinary originality on baritone. His soprano playing was similarly under-utilised. Django Bates had clearly decided to show off one particular facet of his art. his sense of humour. To this end, New York, New York, described facetiously as "a horrible, horrible old song done in a lovely new way", was pulled apart and generally abused; a controversial yachtsman, Donald Crowhurst, was remembered in a lively piece featuring the composer on English horn played with a wah-wah pedal (to great effect); and the delights of tea-

cient space and time to air his

Only the plaintive Candles Still Flicker in Romania's Dark struck a serious note, and even this contained a wholly inappropriate quote from Lionel Bart's Pd Do Anything. The odd overall impression left was that whereas Surman had not been able to relax enough, Bates had relaxed rather too

drinking were dwelt on at some length in a rowdy

#### Queen of jazz

Such was Betty Carter's ebullient greeting to a vociferously enthusiastic standing-room-only crowd at Ronnie Scott's. Then, when the noise died down: "I told Pete King [the late Ronnie Scott's partner you would!"

Given that the Michiganvices for another week there.

Flowers, bassist Neal Caine and drummer Eric Harland looks set to emulate its celebrated predecessors for snap. precision and cultured vibrancy. Whether Carter was scatting wildly on the familiar changes of Brooks Bowman's East of the Sun, easing her way sensuously through Bernice Petkere's Close Your Eyes, or exploring all the emotional subtleties of Body and Soul, they were with her every step of the way, responding smartly to her constant good-natured cajoling as she prowled around the stage.

Perhaps the most surprising thing about Carter's current undisputed status as the world's greatest jazz singer is that she is, unequivocally, exactly that: a jass singer. Audiences, initially sceptial. have slowly come round to her way of thinking, attracted not by crowd-pleasing blandishments or the smooth commer-

THE theory was hard to fault: by bringing together two of British jazz's most individual talents — saxophonist John Surman and keyboard player Django Bates — and Helsin-ki's Uuden Musiikin Orkesteri, jazz links between Britain and Finiand would be strengthened in a celebratory context marking the 80th an-niversary of Finland's inde-

In the event, neither collaboration quite delivered. After a sprightly introductory piece. Frazen Petals, composed by UMO's conductor Kari Heinila, Surman was required to add his unique haritone sound to a politely funky arrangement of Miles Davis's All Blues. In both this the appropriately menacing Film Noir, however. Surman's strengths - control,

tional warmin — were not given sufficient scope.







"YOU missed me, didn't you?"

born singer always plays to packed houses at the club, it's unlikely that King needed any persuasion to engage her serbut such banter just serves to emphasise Carter's justifiably relaxed attitude these days. She has struggled through

some pretty lean patches in the half-century since the begin-ning of her career, when she sang with Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker in Detroit, and if anyone deserves a bit of respectful adulation, she does. Of course, along with the unique voice and the sparky stage presence, audiences have also come to associate Betty Carter with impeccable taste in accompanying trios. and her current, typically

cialism of ersatz, cabaret-style jazz, but by wholly uncompro-mising, full-blooded vocal improvisations that bring out every emotional number investigate every harmonic pos-sibility, of standards such as I Should Care or Every Time We Say Goodbye.
Listening to her can be

demanding, even challenging, but, as the unaffected warmth and devotion of her opening night reception demonstrated. it is also deeply rewarding-

BURROWES

Age: 12

Voice of Britten: Head chorister at St Paul's Cathedral School, he beat off 100 rivals to win the part of Miles, the doomed boy, in the recent Royal Opera production of The Turn of The Screw. He's back with Britten on Saturday at the Festival Hall, singing Balulalow, the fourth movement of A Ceremo ny of Carols, as part of the BBC Concert Orchestra's "Family Christmas Crackers\* concerts.

How did his opera debut go? Under Deborah Warner's direction his Barbican performances were frighteningly mature — despite his nerves. The pressure of acting and singing in opera was totally different from performing solos in St Paul's. I was quite relieved that the on-stage lighting meant I couldn't see the audience."

Ambition? To go back to Covent Garden as a tenor and sing Peter Quint, The Turn of The Screws ghostly servant. "If all opera is as exciting as the Britten, I'd love to have a career in it."

Three of a kind: His elder brother, Connor, 14, left St Paul's in 1996, his younger brother, Patrick, ten, has been there since 1994 - the first time a sibling trio has overlapped



at the school, "Connor's voice hasn't broken yet, so with luck I've got two more years as a treble."

Are the charisters competitive? We all know exactly how many solos each of us has sung in the cathedral." Things are apparently a bit more relaxed in the boarders' common room, where the boys sing

along to the Spice Girls. Any other achievements? He the school's First XI. Personal bests to date are 43 not out - against Westminster Abbey - and 5 for 2. "We usually bowl the opposition out for about 10, so we have to bat first or else the game's over in 20

A century against Australia at Lord's or a Covent Garden triuniph as Quint? "It's got to be the century, because without any real talent as a cricketer I know that is going to remain a dresm."

DANIEL ROSENTHAL

# Small but perfectly marketed

Can a children's classic fight the might of Disney at the cinema? Sheila Johnston on the battle for young filmgoers

films on offer this Christmas face a sparse line-up. There is Home Alone 3, Macaulay Culkin, who steered the first two movies to success (they remain high on the list of all-time top box-office gross-ers) but who is now too old for the role: George of the Jungle, a Tarzan spoof from Disney; Prince Valiant, an Anglo-Irish-German animated feature; Spice World The Movie; and The Borrowers, a \$30 million film based on Mary Norton's much-loved books about a

family of tiny scavengers.

Of these, The Borrowers (which opens on Friday and will be reviewed tomorrow) is the only picture with a chance of mustering much enthusiasm from critics and parents. However, it differs significantly from the recent BBC series, notably in the addition of a baddle, John Goodman, the American star of Roseanne and The Flintstones, whose semi-sadistic frustration and humiliation (electrocution, burning and near-death by 400 gallons of cream cheese are involved) form

the core of the plotline. The producer is Tim Bevan of Working Title, the company behind both the film and television versions of Norton's stories. "We needed something simple in order for it to work on the big screen, and the idea was to create a chase that would carry us through the film," he explains. "We needed a typical movie-type villain. People want to be surprised, but not that surprised - you have to convince parents that it's going to be OK. It's very difficult to compete with Disney, especially in America. They've got a cartel on family films."

Other executives agree. Ian George, the director of marketing for Warner Brothers Distributors, says: "In an industry where brand names mean nothing - no one goes along to a Warner film or a Paramount film - Disney is the closest you can get." Disney has been fiercely protective of its monopoly, especially in the field of animation, which other studios such as Fox, Warner Brothers and Steven Spielberg's DreamWorks are hoping to challenge with ani-mated features of their own over the next year. Fox's carbon fairytale Anastasia has been at the centre of a battle royal in the US, where it opened last month against an arsenal of Disney releases

programmed, allegedly, to crush it.
The Disney name is incredibly powerful and well-protected," comments Daniel Battsek, the vicepresident and managing director of

Buena Vista International, the studio's UK-based distribution division. "And we're not keen to let anyone join us at the top of the tree. Anyone else would do the same."

Disney's success is partly down to hard-nosed marketing techniques. Peter Hewitt, the British director of The Borrowers, still smarts from the memory of filming Mark Twain's American classic Tom Sawyer at Disney. "It was very dark and violent, like the book. But Joe Roth had just arrived [to replace the previous studio head) and he saw it more as a buddy movie. They sold it as a jolly cartoon with the copyline 'the original bad boys', a rock'n roll trailer and a typeface on the posters that looked like Ton and Jerry. I'm trying with The Borrowers to make sure they're selling the film that was made, not just some fun movie with John

But prestige family films remain tricky commercial prospect. Warner's next major release, Fairytale: A True Story, about the two small girls who claimed to have photographed fairles, is currently playing in America. The US campaign was purple, with a classic Disney yellow typeface," George admits. "But you have to bear in mind that it is set in 1917 in Bradford, and half the American population won't know where that is. In Britain we are going for a more traditional look. It's not the sort of film that is going to engender great 'pester power', but we're appealing to parents to take children along to something they know will be good wholesome fun."

hen it opens here in February, Fairytale is likely to demonstrate another industry axiom: small girls will happily watch movies about boys, but boys are loath to return the compliment. But Warner has successfully released a suite of quality costume dramas, including The Secret Garden, The Little Princess and Black Beauty. Our expectations were not huge in because one imagines that kids are interested only in special effects and gizmos," George says. "And three quarters of films released in the UK lose money. But we made money on all those titles."

No doubt all these difficulties go some way to explaining why, despite the current British film boom, a glance at movies in the pipeline reveals only one or two titles simed at a younger audience.
"With Bean and The Borrowers we wanted to start making family movies geared to the world mar-



For its big screen debut The Borrowers has scaled up the thrills with the addition of a classic baddle — but will it still be small beer?

ote the name of Sonia Ganassi. On her de-but with the Royal

Opera in exile she made it

clear that she is set to join the

aiready well-filled ranks of top

young mezzos. Her voice has a

rock-solid lower register and

plenty of sheen above. She has

showing wit to supplement

mere vocal prowess. It must have been something of a

culture shock to come direct

from a series of Rosinas at

New York's Met to the theatre-

of-anarchy Barbiere at the

Shaftesbury. But she slips nimbly into Nigel Lowery's

production without turning a

Lowery's assault on Rossini

was loved by some on the first

night and loathed by others. It

certainly works well enough with singers ready to spark off

root of her well-coiffed hair.

ket," says Bevan. "We're attively looking for more projects with decent ideas and characters. But people are not writing those sorts of

But the family film market research from the advertising agen- ten years - the cinema remains a cy Leo Burnett, going to the cinema popular birthday outing.

- in contrast to other popular children's leisure activities like watching television — has not been hit by the rise of home computers. On the contrary, attendance by children aged between seven and 14 continues to expand. According to has grown by 23 per cent in the past

Unlike adult movies, which gen-erally mop up 25 per cent of their total box office on the opening weekend, George says children's films often do slow-burning busi-ness. But the multiplexes can programme them in matinee slots for weeks on end. And, Bevan adds, the ancillary possibilities are "huge"

meaning the extended afterlife they enjoy through television and video sales, merchandising and franchising. It is a market that many feel British producers are foolish to ignore. As Bentley says: The economics are in place; now we are just waiting for the right

CLASSICAL MUSIC: John Allison meets an extraordinary pair of percussionists on the way to their Wigmore Hall debut. Plus opera and concert reviews

### Denmark's breathless dynamic duo

The Safri Duo defies casy definition. Just as it is difficult to tell from their seamlessly integrated performances where one player ends and the other takes over, it is hard to know exactly when their double-act began. Officially, it was with the launch of the Morten Friis-Uffe Savery Percussion Duo almost ten years ago, but the two young Danes had been playing music together since childhood. And their more streamlined, composite name reflects the musical telepathy they have developed in their mid to late twenties.

-Yes, the name fits well, we are like a tandem." says Savery. "That's right," agrees Friis. "We're like twins."

Conversation with the Safris reveals the human phenomenon behind a musical phenomenon. The talk is almost pontinuous, with one picking up where the other leaves off, each supplying the missing words that the other cannot muster in English. Savery appears to be the driving force, but when the more spontaneous Friis warms to the discussion he injects a note of deadpan Danish humour.

No amount of rehearsal can explain the chemistry of their performances. Whether on a pair of marimbas or spread over a dozen or more percussion instruments, they play as one. There is a virtuosity about their act that takes the breath away, but even more exciting is the sheet musicality that shows how far percussion has come as a medium. In their arrangements for two marim-bas of Bach, the parts interweaving with absolute clarity, and Chopin, full of subtle inflection, the Safris play in a way that few keyboard players can match, and with a cool fluidity that is beguiling.

Though their battery of equipment is vast — they tour with kit weighing an impractical 1.8 tons - their art is not about the instruments themselves. At least, not any more. "We were a couple of showmen," admits Friis. "It was worse in the beginning. But when we developed as human beings and started families. we began to think differently." Their performances remain hugely impressive, not least for the way everything is played by heart. Savery feels whole sound when he is playing from memory.

The road to international success and their current UK tour, which culminates next Tuesday at the Wigmore Hall, has been a long one. Savery and Friis met in 1977 when they joined the Tivoli Gardens Boys' Guard, an old Copenhainstitution. It was an excellent musical education.



In tandem: Morten Friis and Uffe Savery beat up a storm

says Savery. "You learn sight reading and the rudiments of music without knowing it." Both eventually went on to the Royal Danish Conserva-tory of Music, the next stage in ing work done there by Bent

this peculiarly Danish odyssey, indeed, one is tempted to conclude that the Safris could only have come out of Den-

### The boys are back in town

Smith Square, the Vienna Boys' Choir presented a Schubert-Abend in honour of that composer's anniversary. Schubert was a member of the choir, which is about to celebrate its quincentennial - it was founded in 1498 by Maximilian I — and the singing tradition has been more or less unbroken. This may account for the distinctive sound of the choir sweeter than King's College. Cambridge, more fragile than Westminster Cathedral, but purer than the Escolania of Montserrat - which at its best is quite heavenly.

The boys were at their best in the two Psalm-settings that

opened the programme,



Psalm 23 with rippling piano accompaniment, and the more rarely heard Psalm 92, which Schubert set in Hebrew for his friend Salomon Sulzer, cantor of the Jewish synagogue newly established in Vienna in 1826.
The first they sang from memory, in dreamy manner, while the second, for which they were joined by the male voices of the Academy of London Chamber Choir and the soloist John Hancorn, was appropriately ardent in Schu-

bert's atmospheric evocation of the synagogue. The blend of salon elegance

and reverence in the setting of the Mass No 2 in G. and in that of the Tantum ergo in E flat which opened the second half of the concert, always makes me feel slightly un-easy, but would undoubtedly have been expected by the Viennese churchgoer of the day. The creamy sound of the boys en masse and of the unnamed treble soloist brought out the saccharine qualities of the music. Nevertheless, it is always good to hear the Vienna boys: long may they continue to withstand sexual equality.

TESS KNIGHTON

Lylloff in establishing percussion studies. They admit that Lylloff had big ambitions for them as a duo before they realised the possibilities themselves. "At the conservatory we were both part of a percussion quartet," recalls Savery. "We were always agreeing on how it should go, but never with the others. That's why it was natural for us to form a duo. We are surprised it doesn't exist anywhere else."

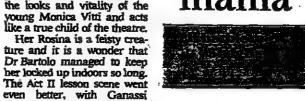
Perhaps that is because a repertory didn't exist until the Sairis created one. It is still not vast, but more than enough to fill the handful of CDs they have made for Chandos. They commission widely, yet have also broadened their musical experience by arranging works from Bach to Ravel. Many things that would be possible to play we don't - we have to respect the composer. If it doesn't make musical sense, or the original sounds better, we don't do it."

When it comes to new pieces there are no such limitations, only physical hurdles. One of the Safri Duo's most important collaborations has been with their compatriot Per Nørgård, who in Well-Tempered Percussionists, an experiment with the hidden complexities of Bach's rhythms, gave the players a challenge to relish. And Friis recalls that one of their most speciacular commissions, Jacob ter Veldhuis's Goldrush, was the result of telling the composer: "Do what you want. We'll find a way of

making it possible." Basically, says Savery, the word impossible doesn't exist in our vocabulary."

 The Safri Dao are at the Ulster Hall, Belfast on Friday (01232 668798), Civic Hall, Guildford Dec 8 (01483 444555), and the Wigmore Hall Dec 9 (0171-935 2141).

### Method in the mania



one another, as this second cast does. Lowery operates on the old music-hall principle of always having another joke ready on the runway in case the first one fails to take off. He is his own designer so most of the gags are visual and de-mand funny performers. Peter Rose's Basilio precise-

fits this bill. With fine booming bass he substitutes a round and corrupt maine d' from an upmarket restaurant for the usual seedy music master. William Dazekey in

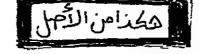
the title role overdid Largo al factorum, sung full blast while getting into his trousers. He then settled down to the quickwitted and resourceful performance one expects from him. Bruce Ford, singing his hundredth Almaviva, took time to settle into the mayhem and was not helped by having to guy his Act I canzone. By Act II he was part of the team

and back to form. Eric Garrett's Bartolo is too amiable an old body and the role needs more than mere veteran status. The juggler brought in to illustrate the storm sequence could also be pensioned off. A pity too that Bruno Campanella was not there to conduct. Antonella Allemandi's handling of the or-chestra was dangerously lacking in fizz. Even so the

Shaftesbury's staff should not subject him to noisy punters taking their seats during the overture. Make them wait outside, especially as Act I is 90 minutes. They might be punctual next time.

JOHN HIGGINS





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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to erts compiled by Marit Hargie

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### Patchy outing for Büchner's misfit

Holden Caulfield and Egyore, and you have the peculiarly irritating personality of the hero of Büchner's least-known play. Prince Leance is the sort of chap who is always saying things like "My life is an endless piece of parchment which I must fill or, while trying and failing to hang himself. "Oh sweet night, hanish me to your black bosom". And when he meets a really pretty girl, what is his greet-"Our life is but a slow creeping fever," that's what. Büchner wrote Danton's Death in 1835, when he was 21,

and was reworking Woyzeck when he died two years later. Leonce and Lena

Gate, W11

Both are amazingly mature, confident, serious works. But Leonce and Lena, which he composed between them, has long worried the critics. Sometimes it seems, well, silly. Often it comes across as the play of a young man still finding his voice and his feet. It is a satire, yes; but what and whom is Büchner satirising?

in part, that is easy to answer. His target is Leonce's bleating father and the rest of the decrepit crew that run the kingdom of Popo or, in Lee Hall's spirited and sometimes raunchy translation, Bottom. At the Gate the king is played by Janet Henfrey with a perilously loose moustache and his court by performers looking like crosses between Neville Chamberlain and Tweedle dum. Leonce's scorn for them is also Büchner's — and that of many young radicals living in the long, twisted shadow of the French Revolution.

It is Leonce who is the problem. One moment he is the principled rebel, throwing off sioth and convention in hopes of forging a brave new identity for himself, and the next he is lost in morbid lateadolescent reverie. Is he a sympathetic expression of Büchner's own ennui, or a parody of Romantic self-ab-



sorption, or both? That we are never sure might not matter. Indeed, it might presage an interestingly contradictory play. Sadly, that is not the effect left by the revival that brings the Gate's Büchner season to a close.

The challenge is to find the right tone for a piece that is not only a crudish spoof of traditionalism but a moral fairytale Lennce runs from his arranged marriage to Lens. Princess Piddle, at the same moment that she is running from him. Inevitably, they meet and fall in love. Intrigued and charmed by his unorthodox courtship ( you exquisite. corpse!"), she ends up marrying him - although whether this is good news for the muchabused people of Bottom is highly uncertain.

I doubt if any director could combine these unwieldy ingre-dients into a witty, telling whole. David Fart, having lumbered himself with a towtheatre style and an inconsistent cast, does not do so.

Christopher Staines is an attractive and sometimes amusing Leonce: Sarah Theresa. Belcher makes an appealing Lena; but some others are living way beyond their means as comic performers. Even with the insertion of

the odd enjoyable song, it is all too ramshackle and shambolic to convince anybody that Büchner wrote more than two memorable plays.

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### Twisted tragedy in the desert

much more inbred and redneck than sucking Lone Star beer from a crate ol domes onizios kylaz esta beaten-up car seat ripped out of some wreck, older brother Roy holds court, his gut easing over his new jeans, his Vietnam military tag hanging around his neck like a

gold chain. "War made me mean," shurs Roy, fixing Ray with a manic, Dennis Hopper-like stare before throwing himself on the ground to show Ray his old jungle manoeuvres. He looks ridiculous. Ray humours his brother, even though he has witnessed the scenario a million times. That's as cheeky as Ray is allowed to get. Roy is the local hicksville hero, and besides, he has the 1959 pink T-bird convertible to prove it.

Old Red Lion; ECT 2

three-hander is how it wrestles us down to the level of its unlovely male characters. With drunken cowboy talk and fat emotional country and western pauses, the cast — all prominent members of The Bill generate that uneasy, banal atmosphere of potential violence and stale comradeship. Mark Wingert's accent may skate from Texas to SE17, but he puts in a compellingly repulsive performance as Roy, neatly counterpointed by Huw Higginson's slowwitted Ray who, despite the hero worship, cannot erase the suspicion that his brotheris all blast and no balls. Tom Butcher's The fascination of James McLure's short Cletis, Ray's friend and a shookeeper,

provides light relief and another target for Roy until we learn that he has wrapped Roy's convertible around the only standing wanted to be a hero but has ended up as an analiy retentive Baptist.

McLure poses no deep questions, nor does he contrive to give any deep answers. What you gradually realise about the surface tension of his play is the eloquent vacuum behind it. This small desert tragedy is sweetly twisted around the fact that his hero is a walking, talking, howling cliche because that's the only way Roy can deal with life. Maybe Vietnam did this to him. Maybe his parents did. All that we can be certain of is that Roy's life is as hollow as the ten-gallon hat on his two-pint head.

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The piece was revived to open the present Orange Tree six years ago, when the cast were dressed in period costume and cherubs hung in the air. This time we seem to be in the 1960s, an era that suits the multiple misunderstandings unexpectedly well. I don't remember seeing sedan chairs whizz through Hyde Park in those days but it wouldn't have surprised me if freakier members of the upper classes had brought them out from

### All in the Wrong

their stables for an airing. Sir John Restless conceals young Belinda Blandford inside a chair, quite innocently, but then it is the mark of farce that crises are generated from the most amiable of motives.

Arthur Murphy, author of this work, knew the rules, A number of early misinterpretations ripple out from the two couples at the centre of the story to involve friends, fathers and fiancées antil, as one of them says, "we are all in the wrong".

Two stories intertwine. Sir John and his wife Lady Restless suspect one another of infidelity and fix upon accidents that seem evidence for their suspicions. Belinda's lover Beverley (Steven Elder). ludicrously lacking in confidence that he can genuinely be loved, gives his Belinda a portrait in miniature that she drops when fainting, quite innocently, in Sir John's arms.

inevitably, this event is observed by Flona Ramsay's Lady Restless, who later gives a marvellously abrupt and unexpected imitation of the fainting fit.

The portrait passes from hand to hand, generating more misunderstanding: lovers make up and break up. The best scenes are those when two people talk at cross purposes, where Murphy manages to sustain a conver-sation for some time. Ayckbourn-fashion, without allowing a character to make clear the pronouns that are causing the trouble.

Elder's expression, when cerated potato but the character eventually shows there is some meat to him. Joanne Mitchell makes Belinda's 1760 dialogue convincingly 1960, pointing the character's amused view of her lover's absurdity. Paul Shelley's Sir John, pacing, striding and unconvinced by truth, energises the action and, though there are slow areas in the play, when the fun comes it is furiously funny.

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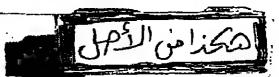
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The radical scheme, unveiled recently by Glenda Jackson, the Minister for Transport in London, has provoked claims from the RAC that some areas of London could be badly harmed by preventing people from driving to them. Westminster council, custodians of some of Britain's most expensive parking places, is also opposed to the plans. The price of a parking

space bought with a flat at: new developments in the capial ranges from £10,000 to 20,000 in the City to £45,000 n St James's. One reason that suyers are willing to lay out uch sums is the high cost of onventional car parks or. arking meters. Someone mying a one-bedroom flat in restoot Street in London Elor £130,000 would need to nd another £10,000 to buy a arking space. The cost of arking in an NCP car park tere would be £3,553 a year nd in Knightsbridge up to

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Plans sea: now it would be £35,000.\* Next year. Westminster council is to introduce Britain's highest parking meter fees in parts of the borough. The rise, from £2.40 to £3 an hour, will be coupled with increases in fines, from £60 to £80 in the West End. Among London boroughs, West-minster issues the most parking tickets and clamps the most illegally parked cars. It issued more than 800,000 tickets last year and clamped more than 19,000 vehicles. In Islington, a few miles north, 93,000 tickets were issued but

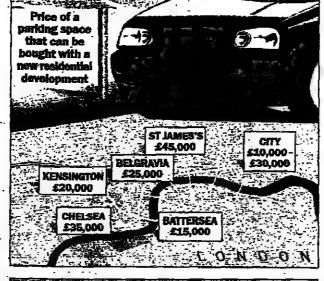
no cars were clamped. Paul Taylor of Hamptons says: "A large house in Kensington and Chelsea with a garage will add as much as 15 per cent to the value because parking has become one of the most sought-after facilities in London."

Hamptons has flats for sale in Royal Gate Mews off Kensington High Street with parking spaces for sale at an extra £25,000.

his week the Government firmed up its assault on the car problem by hinting that it would consider taxing free parking provided for staff by employers. Gavin Strang, the Minister for Transport, said that without action soon, the streets of the capital will eventually be gridlocked. That is why we must take decisive action now".

But opposition can be expected: Edmund King, the RAC's head of campaigns, says: "For many people, the car is still essential. It should still be a right to own a car and homeowners should not be told one of them cannot have a vehicle."

**EVE-ANN PRENTICE** 



FINDING parking spaces for the residents of 15 one-bedroom flats in Chelsea has proved child's play for the developers, Berkeley Homes, Eve-Ann Prentice writes. The existence of buildings on both sides means that there is no room for a

conventional car park at The Galleries development in Gunter

Grove, West London. Instead, a revolutionary automatic car

park — using the principle of a child's game — has been

There is room for ten cars. The vehicles are automatically moved around the spaces on rails, like the squares on a child's puzzle where the pieces must be shuffled to form a picture. The car park is known as a stacker system and car-owners activate it

with a remote-control key.

The system, the first to be installed in Britain, cost £10,000 per space and the cost was included in the price of ten of the flats. Gavin Stewart, marketing director of Berkeley Homes (Thames Valley), said: "We thought it was vital to provide buyers at The Galleries with an opportunity to invest in a parking space despite the lack of available land for a traditional car park. We looked at parking technology around the world and after much consideration decided that the stacker system suited our purposes best."

All the flats have been sold, but there is a snag for owners of large cars - four-wheel-drive vehicles and Bentleys cannot fit in the new car park.

# Do not bring your motor here

lanners in a Midlands town are so worried about the proliferation of traffic that they are imposing new restrictions on a retirement-home scheme. Only the over-55s can live in a flat complex being built at Sutton Coldfield near Birmingham. Lichfield District Council mposed the restriction partly to lessen traffic movement and parking. Research has shown that the age group like to live near others in their peer group so they use their car less to visit friends.

ian Thompson, the council's planning services director, said: "If larger homes went there, we would have to allow four parking spaces per house to accommodate teenagers and young adults, but there is not the same level of parking with this development. A lot of people now retire at 50 or 55 and there are issues about traffic generation and parking

So though anyone, even a 19-year-old, can buy one of the 51 Crosby Homes (Midlands) flats at Lady Aston Park, Little Aston, they cannot live in it unless they are aged over 55.



Artist's impression of the Crosby Homes scheme: an age restriction limits car numbers

Keith Pepperdine of Crosby Homes said: "This is not a clause in the lease because it is part of the planning consent conditions. A purchaser's solicitor will be aware that the planning consent is for some-one of 55 or over to live there. The planning department will have to enforce it. It is OK if one partner is younger than 55. If a 65-year-old woman went in there who had a partner aged 45, and he was help-

ing with the washing, shopping and cleaning - what they call essential services - that is fine. It gets complicated if the older person dies.

"I don't see this as a restriction but as a benefit because we can say there is no risk of someone upstairs playing grunge music. Older people take a more relaxed approach to life; they are not likely to tear about in sports cars."

development has a garage, and there are also 46 parking spaces on site, 35 of which are non-allocated.

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Barking and Dagenham, where a

house brings an average of £57,911.

The next cheapest is Newham;

across all property types.

Prices of detached houses are up by 8.85 per cent over the past year, to £121,082, prices of semi-detached houses by 9.2 per cent to £69,899, and flats and maisonettes by 8.98 per cent to £72,803.

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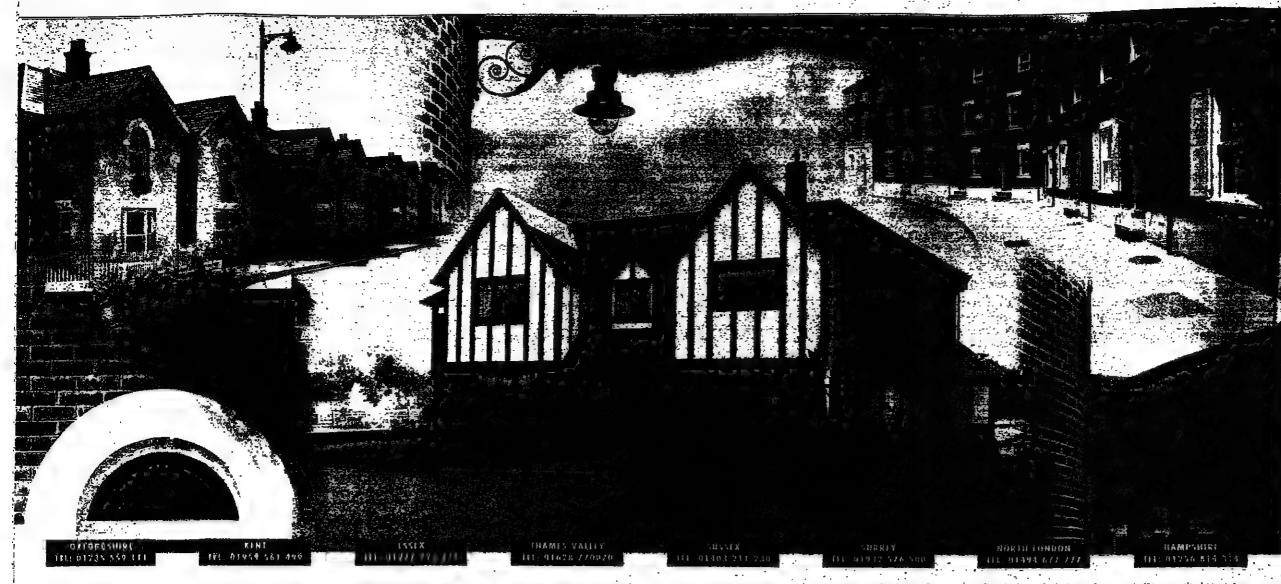
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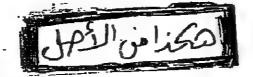
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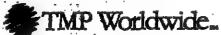
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Chris Ward

For those who are unhappy with their jobs, this is the season to start looking around, says Susan MacDonald

# Moving experience for secretaries

good secretary is hard to find - and come the new year will become even harder. Why? Because, many secretaries get that new year. new job feeling.

Traditionally this is the time when they collect their bonuses and wave goodbye to their bosses. The resulting vacancies means it is also a good time for secretaries thinking of making a move to put out feelers.

Joslin Rowe, the City recruitment consultants, decided to court the type of secretaries they need on their books by holding an open evening last week in their City offices, with drinks and snacks and a presentation from an image consultant.

The idea was that secretaries could come along after office hours to chat about their jobs as well as finding out what was on offer. For it was a chance to express in confidence their dissatisfaction with the job they were doing to people who might be in a position to find them a better one. Others were already on the consultancy's books and this was a chance to meet the people they dealt with in a relaxed

Those who were unhappy in their jobs were understandably unwilling to give their names. One woman was desperate to change from one job to another but wanted to stay in the City. Her skills, she said, were going to pot while she spent her days running trivial errands for her

important to be in the right job because so much of our life is spent in the office. I was hooked on the prestige of a top job but after this experience I realise that it's more important to be working in the right atmosphere with a positive bunch of

Another woman worked for a comcating and she did not want to move with them. She was looking for a job in London's Docklands, which is becoming increasingly popular with finance houses, because she Two others wanted

people," she said.

to exchange their City jobs for one in London's West End. They hated what they called the City's hostile banking environ-ment. "We want something a bit more creative, with colleagues who actually say good morning to you,

Karen Burge, Melissa McRae, Kylie Smith and Sara Knight, all high-flying temps, exchanged infor-



High-flying temps: from left, Karen Burge, Melissa McRae, Kylie Smith and Sara Knight

mation on their jobs. All were happy in what they were doing but wanted to meet Joslin Rowe's staff. Their jobs were typical of those available in City finance sector. Working for a bank, a temp can earn between £9.50 and £10 an hour (though they get no benefits),

Ms Burge, 24, had been working for RGB underwriters for just one

week and was not sure how long the job would last. Ms McRae, 27. arrived from New Zealand in April and is an administrative assistant with the Royal Bank of Canada, in the electronic banking and cash management, Europe, department. Ms Smith, 22, works in the auction

department of Sedgwick Oakwood. Lloyds underwriting agents. Ms

Knight, 35, is filling in for someone on maternity leave in names administration in the same firm. With the confi-

dence that Australians often seem born with, Ms Smith made it seem that getting a top job was a piece of cake. "I arrived in England in April, walked in to Joslin Rowe in the summer and landed my job within two

weeks," she said. Sharon Keane was introduced as the consultancy's "star pupil". She had recently taken the plunge and resigned from her job in a large US finance house in the City after Trive years of misery", she said,

Resigning has changed my life. Before, I was always negative and depressed - ask my husband. Now I leel on top of the world."

Ms Keane, 29, is doing temporary work now and will only go permanent again if the job of her dreams comes along. "I have been working at J P Morgan for the past ten days. Next week it will be a new office and

new everything. If you are a professional secretary who can walk in and pick up the threads with no difficulty you are really appreciat-

ed," she said. Why is she a star? Perhaps because she is assertive. She listed her good points as being cheerful. honest, relaxed, open to suggestions, having excellent skills and a vast experience in the City-

Wendy Clark of CMB Image Consultants offered advice on office dress, hairstyles and make-up. Your choice of clothes should reflect the image of your company," she said. "Keep accessories to a minimum, don't go for an unprofessional hairstyle. Research shows that women who don't wear makeup are not noticed as much as those who do - but use it sparingly."

These professional secretaries had lime to learn about image, although one sportingly volunteered to be analysed by Ms Clark. Because you are petite you should shorten your skirt slightly and a bright red shirt would look bener with that jacket, considering your colouring.

It was like water off a duck's back. "I wear blue most of the time," she said, as the woman alongside her nodded in agreement. "Would your friend like some advice, too?" Ms Clark asked, "She's not a friend, she's my boss," came the answer. And that sums up the radical

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rower's covenant had been worth-

less. The borrower had defaulted

at once, and the amount lent, £2.45

million, had at all times exceeded

the true value of the property, £2.1

Thus the cause of action had

arisen at the time of the transaction

or thereabours. By December 1990 the plaintiffs had sustained their full allowable loss of £1.4 million.

Simple interest should be awarded

on that amount from December 12.

1990 until judgment. In its substantive judgment, the

House had ordered the plaintiffs to

pay, inter alia, the costs incurred by the defendants in the Court of

Appeal on the issue of quantum.
The defendants sought interest in respect of those costs from the

date on which judgment had been

given in the Court of Appeal. They sought an order similar to the backdated order that the Court

Appeal had approved in Kuwai

Airways Cornoration v Iragi Air-

ways Co (No 2) [1994] I WLR 985). In that case the Court of Appeal, which had founded its jurisdiction in Order 42, rule 3 of the Rules of

hured into error.

Supreme Court, had been

Statute apart, courts had no

power to award interest on costs.

and, however desirable it might be for the court to have power to order

the payment of interest on costs from a date earlier than the date on

which the court gave judgment, such a power could not be squeezed out of Order 42, rule 3.

There was no power to order interest as sought by the

# When cause against valuer arises

Nykredit Mortgage Bank ple v Edward Erdman Group Ltd (No 2)

Before Lord Golf of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle. Lord Slytm of Hadley, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead and Lord Hoffmann Speeches November 27

A lender's cause of action on a claim against a valuer for damages in respect of a negligent valuation se when a relevant and measurable loss was first recorded. Order 42, rule 3 of the Rules of

the Supreme Court gave a court no power to backdate an order for costs to the date on which judg-ment had been given in a lower

The House of Lords had inherent jurisdiction to award interest on damages and costs paid by the defendants to the plaintiffs pursuant to orders of the trial judge and the Court of Appeal and ordered by the House of Lords on appeal to

The House of Lords gave judgment following the resumed hearing on the question of interest, adjourned sine die in its judgment on appeal from Banque Bruxelles Lambert SA v Eogle Star In-surance Co Ltd (The Times June 24. 1996; [1997] AČ (91).

Mr Simon Berry, QC and Mr Jonathan Ferris for the defendants, Johannan Ferrirs for the options, is, Edward Erdman Group Ltd: Mr Michael Briggs, QC and Mr David Blayney for the plaintiffs, Nykredit Mortgage Bank plc.

LORD NICHOLLS said that in inque Bruxelles the House had given judgment in the present and two other appeals concerning the measure of damages payable to lenders by valuers who had neg-ingently overvalued property pro-vided as security for loans.

In the present appeal the House had decided, for the reasons given by Lord Hoffmann, that the measure was limited to the amount of the overvaluation. That had been El.4 million.

Section 35A(1) of the Supreme Court Act 1981, inserted by section 15(1) of and Schedule 1. Part I to the Administration of Justice Act 1982. empowered the court to award simple interest on the damages ... for all or any part of the period between the date when the cause of action arose and ... (b) ... the date

The plaintiffs claimed that their cause of action had arisen in March 1990, at the date of the loar ansaction, when they had suf-red an immediate loss. The defendants contended that it had not arisen until the property had been sold in February 1993, when the plaintiffs had been visited with being wrong.

The cause of action in cases in tort arose when the plaintiff first sustained damage. Thus the question was what was meant by damage in the context of claims for loss that was purely financial

in Forster v Outred & Co ([1982] WLR 80, 94) Lord Justice Stephenson had accepted the sub-mission of Mr Stuart-Smith, QC: "What is meant by actual damage? Mr Stuart-Smith says that it is any detriment, liability or loss capable of assessment in money terms . . There has to be some actual damage." His Lordship agreed, adding only that the loss had to be relevant, falling within the measure of damage applicable to the

When, then, did the lender first sustain measurable, relevant loss?

The first step was to identify the relevant measure of loss. Typically, in the case of a negligent valuation of an intended

loan security, the basic comparison called for was between the amount lent by the plaintiff, which he would still have had in the absence of the loan transaction, plus interest at a proper rate, and the value of the rights acquired. namely the borrower's covenant and the true value of the overvalued property.

However, a valuer was not liable for all the consequences that flowed from the lender entering into the transaction. He was liable only for the consequences attributable to the deficiency in the valuation.

If the basic comparison threw up a loss, it was necessary to inquire further and see what part of the loss was the consequence of the deficiency in the security.

Typically, the answer to that further inquiry would correspond with the amount of the loss as shown by the basic comparison, for the lender would not have entered into the transaction had he been properly advised, but be limited to the extent of the overvalimitic

That had been the measure applied in the present case. The plaintiffs had suffered a loss, including unpaid interest, of over 3 million. Of that four the arrount attributable to the defendants incorrect valuation had been £1.4

The basic comparison gave rise to issues of fact. The moment at which it first revealed a loss would depend on the facts of each case. Such difficulties as there might be were evidential and practical, not difficulties in principle

decision of the House had been that some of the money previously paid by the defendants to the plaintiffs as damages and costs pursuant to orders of the trial judge and the Court of Appeal had fallen to be repaid to them. The question arose whether the House had jurisdiction to award interest on the money ordered to be repaid.
The court had no general, inher-

ent power to order the payment of interest, but the result of the appeal to the House had been that, to the extent indicated, orders made in the courts below should not have been made. That result could be an idle

exercise unless the House was able to make consequential orders that achieved, as nearly as reasonably practicable, the necessary restitu tion. That required that in suitable cases it should have power to award interest on amounts ordered to be repaid. The power was derived from its imberent jurisdiction and was possessed ilso by the Court of Appeal.

Lord Goff, Lord Jauncey and Lord Slynn agreed and Lord Hoffmann delivered a concurring polition.

Solicitors: Williams Davies Meltzer: Clifford Chance.

# Sentencing in the military context

Refere Lord Justice Simon Brown. Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice [Judgment November 11]

In considering appeals against sentence under section 17 of the Armed Forces Act 1996, which amended section 8 of the Courtsamended section a or the Courts-Martial Appeals Act 1968, the Courts-Martial Appeal Court was exercising a somewhat hybrid jurisdiction.

It was clear the Parliament intended that any injustice in a court-martial sentence should be corrected but the court also had to offending in the context of service ine and efficiency of the

The Courts-Martial Appeal Court so held in allowing an appeal by S Sgt Colin Gilbert Love, Royal Military Police, against a sentence imposed on June 6, 1997. at a District Court-Martial held at Shornciiffe (Assistant Judge Advocate-General Pearson) on his plea of guilty to two charges of sending indecent or obscene material through the post, contrary to section 11(2) of the Post Office Act 1952. He had been dismissed from her Majesty's Service and reduced to the ranks. The court substituted

fines of £100 on each count. Mr Gordon Bebb for the

LORD JUSTICE SIMON quite separately (a) by civilian

BROWN, giving the judgment of the court, said there were certain observations to be made about this new right of appeal and what should be the court's approach to

The first point to make about appeals from court-martial senes was that the sentences which a court-martial could impose were, in many instances, strikingly different from those available to crown courts.
Listed in order of gravity, they

1 Imprisonment in a civilian prison.

2 Dismissal with disgrace from her Majesty's Service. 3 Dismissal from her Majesty's

4 Detention in a corrective training centre for a period not exceeding 5 Reduction in rank.

è Pine. 7 Severe reprimand or reprimand. 8 Such minor punishments as might from time to time be authorised by the Defence Council. Second, court-martial sentences were concerned at one and the first, to punish service personnel for the criminality of their conduct, and second to deal with them on a disciplinary basis. That was

Members of other professions and occupations who transgressed the law of the land were dealt with

criminal courts and then, if appropriate, (b) by their professional disciplinary bodies.

In the present class of appeal it seemed to their Lordships that the court while free, and clearly in-tended by Parliament, to correct any injustice which was to be perceived in a court-martial sentence, it was nevertheless necessary to be mindful that those imposing and confirming such a sentence were, generally speaking, better placed than their Lordships in 43555 the seriouspest of offending in the context of service life and to decide upon what particular penalty was required to maintain the discipline and efficiency of the

Armed Forces. In certain cases, for the mainte-nance of discipline, a court-martial might impose a heavier sentence on a service member than would

With all those considerations in mind, the sentence imposed here was quite out of proportion to the criminality of the conduct in question which amounted to sending through the post two letters referring to homosexual and heterosexual acts involving children and dogs.

The court-martial acknowledged that the material was pure fantasy and not reality but took the view that a very high standard was required from a military policeman so that continued

available and also involved a reduction to the ranks and a huse pension loss. There was noth out this case which, because the appellant was a serving soldier. made it on that account the more serious by threatening the trust or discipline within the appellant's unit. The appropriate sentence

would have been a fine. Through the investigation of those offences it had come to light that the appellant was a homosexual. As was well known, the policy of the Ministry of Defence at present was that it would not permit homosexuals to serve thin the Armed Forces and once

administrative discharge followed. It seemed unrealistic not to recognise that, despite this judg-ment, the appellant's days in the Army were numbered. That administrative discharge too, their Lordships noted, involved the selfsame loss of pension rights as

Finally, his Lordship added that this appellant's petition to the Defence Council for review was refused but the court was provided neither with the petition nor with the reasoned decision to refuse it. On any future such appeal the court should be provided with the appellant's petition to the Defence Council and its reasoned rejection. Solicitors: Warner, Goodman &

# Move to restore jurisdiction lost by appeal tribunal

Practice Statement (Employment Appeal Tribunal: Incimitation)

Following the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal in Pendragon pic v Jackson (The ember 12) that that tribunal did not have jurisdiction to hear appeals from decisions where the industrial tribunal's jurisdiction derived from the Industriai Tribunals Act 1996, namely complaints of damages for breach of contract, Mr Justice Morison, President of EAT, explained on November 24 the steps being taken to cope with the problem which the decision had caused in the context of proposals

to nertify the legislation. MR JUSTICE MORISON #16 that prior to the hearing of the Pendragon appeal there had been

inserted into the Employment Rights (Dispute Resolution) Bill. a clause giving back to the EAT the jurisdiction it previously had and making the changes retrospective. Statutory jurisdiction was likely to be restored in April 1998.

Until corrective legislation had been eracted no breach of contract appeals would be listed for

It did not follow that in every case where a breach of contract had been alleged that the EAT did not have jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction to hear appeals against decisions relating to constructive dismissal remained intact as it did in relation to decisions dealing with unlawful deduction from wages. Further, an appeal would lie against a decision did not concern that issue.

During the Pendragon case coursel had raised the possibility

be heard by any other route. Queries by parties could be raised with the EAT listing office. which dealt with a breach of

contract claim where the appeal Where an appeal related to more than one head of complaint, for example, unfair dismissal coupled with a claim for damages for wrongful dismissal, the appeal would have to be postponed.

of an appeal to the High Court as an interim measure. It was not necessary to say whether such an appeal could be made but it was expected that any such appeals would take more than a year to come on for hearing.

it was hoped that the jurisdiction em would have been put right well before any appeal could

Kataria v Safeland nic Before Lord Justice Schiemann and Lord Justice Brooke Judgment November 4

A landlord who was not personally owed any arrears of his tenant's rent because he had assigned the right of recovery to his predecessor in title could nevertheless exercise a peaceable right to re-enter the premises and forfelt the lease.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the land-lord, Safeland plc. from Judge Cotram's judgment in West-minster County Court on September 3, 1996 in which he had beld that the landkord's purported for-feiture of Mr Vinod Kataria's lease of shop premises at 39 Kingsway, London, had been unlawful

The tenant held the premises, a modest walk-in kiosk, under a lease that contained a proviso for re-entry in the event of the rent falling into arrears. in October 1995 the present

landlord had agreed to purchase the freshold of the premises, the tenant at that time owing arrears of some £10,000 but having made nents to clear them. Under the terms of the sale agreement the landlord had as-

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Landlord's right to forfeit lease The agreement was completed on iber 14, 1995 and on November 16 the landlord re-entered the premises thereby forfeiting the ease on the ground on non-

payment of rent. Mr Jonathon Ferris for the landlord; Mr Martyn Barkiem for

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE said that the question, never previously decided, was whether a landlord who was not personally owed any arrears of rent because he had assigned the right to recover the arrears to his predecessor, could nevertheless exercise a peaceable right to re-enter and jorielt the

The judge had taken the view that on the proper construction of the lease the rent in arrears had to be awed to the particular landlord vho sought to enforce the right of

But Mr Ferris, relying on basic principles of landlord and tenant aw, said that there was no such qualification in the wording of the re-entry clause and no reason why such qualification should be im-plied. The judge, he said, had

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falled to distinguish between the personal remedy to sae the tenant for the arrears, which had been assigned to the landlord's predecessor, with the proprietary remedy of forfeiture for brea Twelve years ago the Law Comcoverant which remained vested

Those submissions were well founded. Given that the proprietary remedy of re-entry unquestionably been assign the landlord and that the con-ditions on which he was entitled to

in the landlord.

entitled as a matter of law to re-There was no merit in law, although one had great sympathy with Mr Barklem's submission. that at the time that the landlord exercised his right of re-entry he himself had to be owed rent. If rent was owing under the lease, albeit to a previous landlord to whom the incoming landford had essigned a personal right to recover it, the new landford was entitled to

re-enter were fulfilled, he was

merciae his contractual right. The judge had described the landlord's behaviour as monstrous. So far as residential tenancies were concerned, Parliament had passed legislation 40 years

ago requiring a landford to obtain a court order before dispossessing a renant. No such inhibition existed in relation to landlords of

mission had recommended the introduction of a statutory scheme whereby business landlords would be required to obtain a court order before proceeding to re-enter; see Low Commission Report No 142 on Forfeiture of Tenancies (1985). Four years ago the commission had published a draft bill to give effect to that recommonulation: Law Commission Report No 221: Ter-mination of Tenancies Bill (1964). Nothing had been done and nothing would be done to im-plement those recommendations unless fast-track procedures were available to belp landlords to obtain a possession order speedily in clear and obvious cases. In the meantime lendlords were emitted to go on behaving as the landlord had done in this case if they

considered it proper to do so. Lord Justice Schiemann agreed. Solicitors: Philippsohn Crewlord Berwald: Walter

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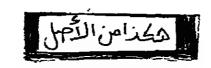
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# One Man seeks control of grey area

of flair is ideally attuned to the

sharp three miles at Kempton, matters are complicated by the

presence of some gritty stayers who also like to force the pace.

Suny Bay himself tends to be

ridden aggressively, along with Mr Mulligan and Barton

Bank - who, incidentally, not

only holds a lot of the form

together, but seems as good as

ever. He would have won this

race in 1994, as well as the

previous year, but for that

heartbreaking final-fence fall.

for the front-runner, but this

King George could be run at a

pace cruel enough to favour

those horses that are held up.

After all, One Man's stride has

always shortened dramatical-

ly on those occasions when he

has eventually been forced off

the bridle. With Rough Quest

yet to confirm his wellbeing,

Simply Dashing is the obvious

one to benefit from a patient

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certainly go better than his

He seemed not to last home

after cruising for a long way in the Hennessy, so the return to a shorter trip on a sharper

track seems sure to suit.

Moreover, he is better going

right-handed, and was entitled to need that outing, his

first in a year. Whatever the

strict form merits.

As a rule, Kempton is made

FOR many disciples of National Hunt racing, the grey eminence of Desert Orchid will forever haunt Kempton on Boxing Day. This year, however, the equine ghost of Christmas past might just begin to fade. One Man and Suny Bay have invited com-parison to Desert Orchid, not so much for the colour of their coats as for their vibrant brilliance. Their clash contributes to a King George VI Chase of compelling interest — and yesterday bookmakers quickened the pulse further by opening a book on the race.

### RICHARD EVANS Nap: None Stirred

Coral favours One Man to

(3.40 Fontwell Park) None Stirred finished a clos at Cheitenham recently. A drop in class and soft pround should see this lightly raced geiding go one better at

Next best: Ragamuff (3.10 Fontwell Park)

complete a treble in the race. chalking him up at 7-4. Suny Bay, dramatic winner of the Hennessy Gold Cup last weekend, is 7-2, followed on I by the emerging star. Simply Dashing, Mr Multi-gan, the Gold Cup winner, is only fourth favourite at 9-2. while it is 12-1 against Barton Bank - Mr Mulligan's victim at Cheltenham and second to

Suny Bay and One Man since. Rough Ouest, the 1996 Martell Grand National winner, is quoted at 16-1, along with Trying Again. See More Business, set to confront Rough Quest on his return from injury in the Coral Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow on Saturday, is 25-1, and outcome, this looks a race to likewise the American chalrevive the most jaded of enthusiasts, and make converts of lenger. Lonesome Glory. Another overseas raider. the uninitiated. Dieddah, is 33-1.

The latter may have allowed David Gilbert, senior odds last week's rather petty Cutting Edge documentary on compiler at Coral, said: "One racecourse stewards to gore Man has shown himself so well suited by this race that only very soft ground would seem likely to hand Suny Bay the image of British racing. But the sport could hardly ask for a more soothing gloss than the advantage, though I would respect Simply Dashing." While it is self-evident that has been provided by a different set of cameras — which is just as well, as Thoroughbreds One Man's particular brand is set for a global audience of

750 million. This new film will afford overseas and in-flight viewers a beguiling half-hour in the

The BBC is to lose coverage of the Lingfield Derby Trial meeting to Channel 4 next year. Its association has been ing its Lingfield coverage to just one fixture. Channel 4 will televise four meetings from the Surrey track in 1998. including all-weather racing on January 3 and March 21.

company of some of racing's rather less petrified characters, with Harry Herbert and Sir Mark Prescott proving predictably effective evange

possible by £100,000 of funding from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, augmented by £60,000 from various sponsors within the sport. One of a series of programmes devoted to the promotion of British industry around the world, it certainly offers a picturesque and infectious celebration of racing. For an even stronger flavour, however, make sure you watch the King George VI Chase.

(Final. £4,573: 2m 2f 110yd) (4 runners)

Long handicup: Brocon 9-11, Ben Bowder 9-1 BETYBHS: 4-6 Occion, 9-4 Ran For Clarks, 7-1 Brocan, 14-1 Ben Breden



One Man aims for a third win in the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day

# Newcastle lost as frost starts to bite

NEWCASTLE became the fifth meeting of the National Hunt season to be lost to the weather when yesterday's programme was called off after a 9am inspection. The temperature had fallen to -3C overnight and snow had fallen on the course, hampering the prospects of a thaw.

The frost is in the ground with snow on top," David McAllister, the clerk of the course, said. "We covered the landings and take-offs but the footings — after we raced on Saturday — are solid. You can't cover the whole course." Newton Abbot, the other

jumps meeting scheduled for yesterday, had been called off on Monday because of waterlogging, leaving Lingfield's all-weather fixture as the only racing in Britain.
Today's fixture at Catterick

could also be under threat from frost. A spokeswoman for the track said yesterday: We had a frost last night and the forecast is for it to stay cold today with the chance of wintry showers and sunny spells. The temperature tonight is to get down to -2 to -4C, which is not as cold as last night."

It was a similar story at Southwell, where it had been as low as -5C on Monday night. Dave Williams, the head groundsman, said: "We don't have any problems at the moment. There is frost forecast tonight but we are hopeful that racing will go

Prospects for today seem brightest at Fontwell. "We are all right, although we had l6mm of rain and sleet overnight changing the going to soft," Paul Deacon, the assistant clerk of the course, said.

1.50 BOBBY FAULICHER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,824: 2m) (10)

SQUASH

# Jansher in struggle to subdue Meads

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE extraordinary conditions in which the Mahindra Inter-national Challenge is played have already taken their toll on seeded players and Jansher Khan, the world No I and top seed, who is competing in India for the first time, is counting himself fortunate not to be among the fallen.

Jansher has always refused to play in Bombay because he felt, as a high-profile Muslim athlete from Pakistan, he was at risk in a fervently Hindu city. In the first round of this event, which is scheduled to become the World Open championship, he was significantly more at risk from Stephen Meads, of England.

Meads, a former British national champion, was forced to work his tournament here in an indoor court to reach the main rounds. However, he gave the Pakistani maestro ali sorts of trouble on the transparent show-court that has been placed on the pitch of the Cricket Club of India.

Meads was unfortunate to be given seven no-let calls in the fifth game by the referee. Varnan Apte, after he had the world No! on the ropes. Jansher went on to win 15-8, 15-12, 16-17, 13-15, 15-8 in 86 minutes.

"It was the worst match I have ever played," Jansher said. "I have been suffering from tonsilitis and had a fever ten days ago. I'm not as physically fit as I should be. I had no chance to practise on

the show-court." The sixth seed, Ahmed Barada, of Egypt, was unhap-py with the officiating when he was leading 8-4 in the fifth game against Craig Rowland. of Australia. Barada turned on a ball in the left court, asked for a let as Rowland crossed his line of sight in the top right corner, and was devastated by a penalty stroke decision against him from Yogendra

criticised for his ingrained habit of refusing to play a ball on which he can turn, but this is harsh criticism of his playing style. He relinquished the rest of the match with little resistance.

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MYSTIC ISLE made an interesting reappearance at Hereford and start follow up BUNCERED FRST TIME. Formed Park 1:0 Ruys Then Catherick: 12:20 hardren: Pash: 12:50 Ridly Fight: 2:50 Strangatory Southwell 2:00 Yet Umbra 3:70 Massach Hen. Leateer Witen. 3.10 NORFOLK HOVICES RANDICAP CHASE (£3,024; 2m 2f) (9 runners) APSS3- HOODED HAWK 228 (6) (C Namer) M Hambrison B-11-11 M A Phipscald / 5567-P GLERODE 19 (K Machanatel A Turnet 6-11-3 S Backet 103 31-2257 LOBLONGS 29 (C) Hacsel Publishing Laft G Badding 5-10-12 A P MeCop 103-231-2257 LOBLONGS 29 (C) Hacsel Publishing Laft G Badding 5-10-12 A P Mecop 103-231-2257 LOBLONGS 29 (C) Lorent J B Flows 9-10-4 A Sacrety (7) 165-50302 PACAMILTY 15 (Als P Welling) P Hobbs 6-10-5 M Democraty 108-243 (PASS) SLAVED 15 (B Lag V C) Long 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Long 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Long 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (C son 5-10-4 D Balleyler 3 (B Lag V C) Lockson 1 (Lockson 1 (Lockso THE COME OF APPROXION \$-11-7 P.PAGE (5-2 to A.) Second 10 to

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2.40 STREBEL BOILERS AND RADIATORS HANDICAP HURDLE SERIES

FORM FOCUS

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113143 8000 TIMES 13 SEF.F.S.D (Als D Robroson) B Half 12-0 ...

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3.40 SERESHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

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3.20 STREETLAM NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES ### HURDLE (E2, 444: 2m 3f) (19)

1 472- MBEY ACTOR 1987 J Fraguedd 6-10-10 F Lantry (2)

2 6-0 BRANDERY MINISTER 24 F Bearmant 6-10-10 B Cartiers (2)

3 9-70 BRANE EMMIN 46 C Gent 7-10-10 G Taylor (3)

4 07-0 CHAN MOVE 22 W South 5-10-10 G Taylor (3)

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8 -224 ALASKAN HERS 9 (B.S.S) A Street 6-10-3 ... T Bloy
9-PF5 CUMBERLAND YOUTH 8 (B) Miro C Care 6-10-4 

3.30 TRENT HANDICAP HURDLE

(52,238; 2m) (7) 1 (895- HOLV WANDERER 196 (D.F.IS) 1 George 8-11-10 R Johnson 2 (00- BUNGEE JUMEER SS) (R.D.S) P Bradby 7-11-9 — C Maude 34375 SYLVAN SASRE 25 (CD.F.IS) Blone 8-11-6 R MolErati (2) 4 (890- BTAR OF DAVIO 316 (D.F.IS) Miss A E Johnson 9-10-12 2-1 Ranger Storge, 5-2 Sylvan Salter, 9-2 Holy Wassleyr, 6-1 The Boold Vic, 10-4 Cancils Rock, 14-1 Buogas Joseph, 20-1 Star Of Casts

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# Why Prince Harry of Highbury deserted the Royals

Last weekend, Prince Harry was snapped. a face in the crowd at the Arsenal. And, as a thrilling battle for the championship runners-up slot hotted up (and Arsenal went down 1-0 to Liverpool thanks to a goal from the princely Steve McManaman), the princeling Harry shouted the lads on from beneath his woolly Arsena! hat.

And, unless the Queen turns up to open Parliament in an Arsenal shirt bearing the motto Dieu et mon droit - which I believe translates as "God and My Wright" - we can surely celebrate football's ultimate social achievement. God for Harry, England and the Arsenal.

What, we must ask ourselves, does all this mean? First and obviously, if you want to watch

The generification of foot-ball can go no further. Premiership foothall, it is not essential to be of royal blood and royal income, but it certainly helps. Secondly, it is with some relief that one observes that the thoughtful and discriminating prince has chosen a comparatively team to

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Lord, it is not

Manchester United

he went for. (Before I

continue, let me add

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deed playing great

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European adventur-

baked, knee-jerk, purblind, no-

one-likes-us-and-we-really-really-

care United loyalists for once save

'He has rejected the chance of supporting Reading' ing has been stun-ningly assured. Will the usual half-

and the regular opportunity to see the lads on telly? Ah, glory! Surely, if you pay all that money to watch a Premiership

United supporter and he lives in

far from Manchester as you can

get without emigrating. He is inclined to triumphalism over his

father, a Spurs man who used to

SIMON BARNES

cheered standing up.
My godson scorns the charms of Falmouth Town and Plymouth Argyle, just as Prince Harry rejected the chance of supporting Reading. compared with glory

live off the Seven

Sisters Road and

a right to glory. A substantial investment in pleasure, a decent sum of money whether you are a football team in the flesh, you have prince or a plumber - that surely

Midweek View

Nobody minds too much if a 10p

win patent goes down the tubes. One can even relish one's bad luck, curse the jockey, thank the Lord there was nothing worse. But a chairman must go. The striker hundred quid and an odds-on favourite falls at the first that takes a bit of

laughing off. You

had a right, at least, to some kind of run compared for your money.

The gentrification with a right of Premiership football has given payto glory? - indeed, an

almost legitimate one - that they have a right to glory. Defeat is not to be laughed off. And it is no longer a source of misery and disappointment either. It has be-

How could they lose? With all that money. With all my money. me. The manager must go. The

must go, anyway. Somebody must suf-What is fer publicly for the local loyalty mess he has made with my money. Some have put this increasing anger down to football's gentrification. Foot-ball attracts "the

changed so much as the level of their investment. Today, people go

wrong people nowadays, people who buy not loyalty but glory with their match and their season ticket. But it is not the people who have

than in hope. Tell me - is there still gallows humour in Premier-ship football? I remember a bottom-three six-pointer in the old first division, and Swindon Town's opponents jeering: "Going down, going down, going down, as one man, Swindon responded: "So are we, so are we, so are we." Report 1
scale of

financia

Fact: you can run 20 plumbing firms well and you will have 20 success stories. Another fact: you can run 20 Premiership football teams well and there will still only be one champion, and there will still be three teams relegated. And you can also have 20 barons, but only one king. That is what the only the same means. We cannot all be kings at the same time.

No. A real football person knows.

that there is more to football than winning. Like losing, for example. Glory is for wimps.

# FOOTBALL

their stamps.)

# Saunders happy to move as Forest cut their wages bill

DEAN SAUNDERS, the Wales forward, completed his terday after being allowed to leave Nottingham Forest on a free transfer. It says much for the extent to which Saunders fell from favour at the City Ground that Forest rejected a bid of £500,000 by Everton just three months ago, and the player could not resist a

sideswipe at his former club. He had been training with the reserves after failing to displace Pierre van Hooijdonk or Kevin Campbell in the first team and Dave Bassett, the Forest manager, had no qualms in allowing him to join a side likely to be among their rivals for promotion to the FA Carling Premiership. Saunders, joining the ninth

club of his career on an 18-

MICK McCARTHY yesterday

tract that keeps him in charge

of Ireland until the European

championship finals in the

ear 2000. The former

Millwall manager took over

from Jack Charlton two years

ago, but his team failed to

qualify for the World Cup

finals in France when beaten

3-2 on aggregate by Belgium

Now he has been given

another chance, with the task

of qualifying for the finals in

2000, when the champion-

ships will be hosted jointly by

Belgium and Holland. Mc-

Carthy envisages a crucial

role for Roy Keane, of

Manchester United, in the

qualifying phase.
"Tony Cascarino, Ray
Houghton and Andy Towns-

end cannot go on for ever. Roy

is obviously a player to build the team around, McCarthy

said."He has been very posi-

tive and upbeat since his

cruciate ligament operation.

There is no reason why he

cannot come back as good a

player as he was before his

in the play-offs last month.

Ireland keep faith

with McCarthy

month contract, said: "I have never been so unhappy than over the last year. The harder I ried, the worse it got. I have analysed the situation and a lot of the things that have happened have not been my

"I said to my wife that if you buy a Ferrari and use it for rallying and then stick it in the garage you can understand how it loses its value. Last season I played right wing and right back, and this season I have hardly played at all. I had options to go to a Premier Charles Green | the Sheffield United chief executive I felt I

was signing for Real Madrid." Saunders, 33, cost £1.5 million from Galatasaray, in Turkey, 18 months ago, but scored just three goals in 34

range a B international

against Scotland in Dublin in

February."That would be a

chance to give a run-out to

players like Graham

Kavanagh, (Stoke City), Mark

Kinselia (Charlton Athletic), Gareth Farrelly (Everton), Kevin Kilbane (West Bromich

Albion) and David Worrell

(Blackburn Rovers)," he said. The senior side is likely to

play Switzerland in March and there will also be games in

Dublin in April and May. "No

doubt teams drawn against

England and Scotland in this

week's World Cup draw in

Marseilles will be looking for

warm-up games against us at

that time because of the simi-

larity in the styles of play,"

Gary Megson was yester-

day rewarded for Stockport

County's surge up the first

McCarthy said.

league games as Forest suf-fered relegation from the Pre-

It is the second time in three weeks that Forest have been prepared to write off an expensive striker to trim their wages bill. Last month they terminated the contract of Andrea Silenzi, a £1.8 million arrival from Torino, with a payment

of £150,000 to the player.
Martin O'Neill, the Leicester City manager, says he is losing interest in signing Trevor Sinclair because of speculation linking him with the Queens Park Rangers striker. He inquired about Sinclair when Stewart Houston was still the OPR manager, but O'Neill is adament that no bid has been lodged.

Houston was sacked a few days after O'Neill's inquiry and informed John Hollins, his replacement on a caretaker basis, of Leicester's interest. According to O'Neill, however, there has been no contact between the clubs since.

"I do not know if Sinclair is available, what the asking price would be or whether we can afford his wages," O'Neill said. "Stewart told me to submit a bid in writing if I was interested. I never bothered, and the situation at QPR

"I have made general comments about the need to sign quality players, which have been turned into specific comments about Trevor Sinclair. It has reached the point where I am beginning to consider not considering the player at all."
O'Neill said that he was due to watch Sinclair against Norwich City in the Nationwide League first division tonight. but was having second

He has £6 million available to spend after Leicester's floration, but believes he must amend his policy of signing untried players for the club to progress from the stage where avoiding relegation is considered sufficient achievement.

division when he was named Nationwide manager of the Although Sinclair, 24, has spent most of his career away month for November. Megson, who took over at from the top flight, he won seven England Under-21 caps Edgeley Park in the summer and was called into the full squad under Terry Venables. QPR rejected a bid of £4 million from Tottenham after Dave Jones left for Southampton, has led the the side to seventh in the table. Hotspur last year.

Hollins said: "As far as know there has not been a bid for Sinclair this season. He is happy with us, so there is no point asking how much we want for him."

George Graham yesterday became one of Britain's highest-paid managers when he signed a new long-term deal with Leeds United, believed to be worth £1 million a year. The agreement puts Graham in the same pay bracket as Alex Ferguson, at Manchester United, Kenny Dalglish, at Newcastle United, and Roy Hodgson, of Blackburn

The move also quashes speculation of a possible move to Rangers at the end of the season as successor to Walter

United manager, is backing John Hartson, the leading scorer in FA

the Welshman's former team-mate at

Redknapp jumped at the chance to

season when Arsene Wenger, the

Arsenal manager, made him available



# Roundabout route to record

here is a fair chance that when the Final is over on May 16, when the last supporter has drifted jubilantly or dejectedly down Wembley Way, the leading goalscorer in the FA Cup will not be Dennis Bergkamp, Chris Sutton or Robbie Fowler. The honour will fall

to Paul Coombs. Coombs, 27, will not be at the Venue of Legends. He plays for Basingstoke Town in the Ryman League premier division and, this Saturday, will travel to Northampton Town, of the Nationwide League second division, for a second-round tie. Win or lose, he has already made his mark

on the competition.

Basingstoke have played nine matches en route to the Sixfields Stadium - against Havant Town, Bath City, Calne Town, Braintree and Wycombe Wanderers — and, in the seven in which Coombs has appeared, he has amassed nine goals. He also scored the fifth penalty in the 5-4 shootout success against Wycombe in their first-round replay, the first time that Basingstoke had beaten a Football League

Like all conscientions marksmen, Coombs keeps a mental tally of his impressive

Russell Kempson on a non-league marksman with his sights on a notable achievement



goals in 21 matches this season since recovering from damaged medial ligaments in his right knee: his first goal in the Wycombe replay was his 150th for the club; he has since taken the total to 152 in 288 appearances — an average of 0.52 per game. Alan Shearer's

career average is 0.54. Yet the big time has probably passed him by. He flirted with Queens Park Rangers as a schoolboy and joined and left Aldershot before the club folded. When he moved on to Farnborough Town, Stoke City and Sheffield United expressed no more than pass-ing interest. In seven seasons with Basingstoke, few scouts have tried to negotiate the town of many roundabouts.

"In football terms, I'm getting on a bit," Coombs, a make a good living working and playing semi-profession-ally and I have a very understanding wife and employers. It would need a really good package, including a longterm contract, to tempt me

"I possibly could have made it in the League. I have a few slight regrets. You need a certain amount of determ-ination and a bit of luck to make the breakthrough and perhaps I didn't have that." He has good memories, though, especially of when he played alongside Steve Claridge, now of Leicester City, in the pre-bankruptcy days at Aldershot. "You could say Steve liked a bet," Coombs

recalled. "Goodness knows how much he blew on the horses." There are the not so good memories, too, when Farnborough met West Ham United in the third round of the Cup. "I was the fourteenth man," he said. "It was very frustrating." Basingstoke's success has

had its drawbacks. Though they are out of the Hampshire corporate account manager, Senior Cup, they are still in said. "I enjoy what I do, I the FA Cup, FA Umbro Tro-

phy, Guardian Insurance Cup and Full Members' Cup. They have fallen behind with their league fixtures and have sunk to the depths of the Ryman premier division.

"Of our last 13 matches, 11 have been in cops," John Gray, the Basingstoke press officer, Sunday youth team manager and public address announcer, said. Northampton will be our eighteenth cuptie of the season. It's a busy time for us, all very exciting, but once we get going again in the league, we'll be all right. A mid-table finish would be

About 1,300 Basingstoke supporters will be among the 7,600 sellout crowd at Sixfields, urging on their side to create club history. In its 101-year existence, it has never reached the third round. Sadly, Wolfie, the mongrel - an ever-present at the Camrose Ground with his owner, Mick Cole - will not be there. Canine fans are not appreciat-

ed at League grounds.

Much of Basingstoke's hopes will rest on Coombs, the oft striker who failed to make the professional grade but who could yet rate a mention in the record books. "Top scorer in the FA Cup?" he

# Southgate aims for return in **Uefa Cup**

BY COM SPONTS STAFF

GARETH SOUTHGATE, the Aston Villa central defender. playing for England against Cameroon at Wembley last month, hopes to be fit in time to play for Aston Villa in their Uefa Cup third-round secondleg tie with Steaua Bucharest next Tuesday. It had been feared that

Southgate, the Villa captain, would be ruled out until just before Christmas, but he said yesterday: "I don't want to put myself under pressure and it's difficult to look too far ahead, but I'm hoping to be ready for next Tuesday.

"It is a question of playing things by ear and seeing how they go, but Tuesday is a realistic aim if all goes well. I am at the stage where I'm into doing full running new and I am not too far away. It's a game I would dearly love to play in because the chance of reaching the quarter-finals in Europe is a big incentive."
Although he is unlikely to play against Coventry City in the FA Carling Premiership at the weekend, Southgate said: "I don't think it is vital that I play before Tuesday because I will have only been out for three weeks. If you were talking eight or nine weeks, then it would naturally be a different

He insisted that he will only play if he is 100 per cent fit. By do himself justice when he from another ankle injury collected on England duty against Poland. I tried to rush back last season and it caused me longer-term prob-lems," he said. "It did nobody - myself or the team - any

Juventus will be without at least four first-team regulars for their European Cup-Champions' League encounter with Manchester United in Turin next week. The Italian champions had already lost two strikers for the tie in group B — Alessandro Dei Piero, through suspension, and Nicola Amoruso, with a leg fracture sustained at the weekend — but medical tests have now ruled out Didier Deschamps, the France midfield player, who badly sprained a right thigh muscle during the defeat last week to Feyenoord, and Gianluca Pessotto, the defender, who suffered a similar injury in the Serie A match against AC Milan on Sunday.

Juventus must beat United on December 10 if they are to have any chance of qualifying for one of two slots available in the quarter-finals for the hest runners-up of the six groups.

Borussia Dortmund won the world club championship with a convincing 2-0 win over Cruzeiro yesterday. Goals from Michael Zorc and Heiko Herrlich gave the European Cup-holders a well-deserved victory over Brazilian opponents, who reduced to ten men after Vitor, the right back, was sent off in the second half.

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Zorc opened the scoring after 34 minutes, when he drove in a cross from Stephane Chapuisat from the edge of the six-yard box. Herrlich added the second five minutes from the end, when he latched on to a low cross-

from Paulo Sousa.
Cruzeiro, who won their second Copa Libertadores this year, lost despite signing two Brazil forwards — Bebeto, 2 World Cup-winner in the United States three years ago, and Donizete — on loan before the game. Dortmund, whose form in the German league has been disappointing this season, despite impressing in the Champions' League, thus for come the second German club, after Bayern Munich in 1976, to win the champ-

# McAllister cleared of serious injury

Scotland captain, was yesterday able to look towards taking his place in the World Cup after a scan revealed that he has suffered no significant knee damage at the weekend. It was thought that

McAllister had suffered severe ligament damage after sustaining the injury in Coventry City's game against Leicester City at Highfield Road on Saturday when his knee gave way when he landed after an aerial challenge.

Gordon However. Strachan, the Coventry manager, said: "Gary has had the scan and there is nothing major wrong with him, which is good news for him and good specialist and we have no idea as to how long he will be out of

The news will be welcomed by Craig Brown, the Scotland coach, who sees McAllister, 33, as the linchpin of his challenge at the World Cup in

France next summer. Clubs in the Bell's Scottish League premier division warned their lower division next Tuesday will be their last chance to join the big clubs' breakaway. Lex Gold, the chairman of Hibernian, has presented a formal legal offer to clubs from the first, second and third divisions from the start of next season.

That is when the new top flight aims to be up and running and Gold has stressed the settlement presented is a non-negotiable final offer and, even if refused, progress will not be interrupted. "It was stated at the last management committee meeting on November 27 that the main reason our request to resign from the league absence of a legal document formally setting out the pack-age on offer," Gold said. "We have now addressed that con-

cern and made a formal legal offer and this is our final offer. "If it is not accepted, it will be withdrawn and we will then consider how best to advance our own plans for establishing our new vision for Scottish football."

with Dennis Bergkamp was producing

goals galore.

Now Wright has hit a barren patch Carling Premiership, to keep deliver-ing the goals — and avoid the kind of dry spell that is afflicting Ian Wright. of six games, and Arsenal have not hit

"I'm very positive about John," Redknapp said. "The way he is at the moment he is almost unplayable. He is such a strong, powerful kid, just 22, that it is almost frightening to think

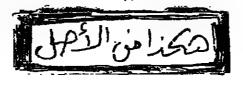
Redknapp backs Hartson to stay on target when he's 25 or 26."

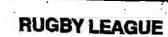
Hartson has consistently hit the target despite the loss of Paul Kitson, his own front-line partner, who has been our since September after surgery to repair a torn groin muscle. Although he is back in training now. Kitson's return to Premiership action is likely to be delayed until after the rearranged match with Crystal Palace at Upton Park tonight. He is set, instead,

against Swindon Town. Hartson showed his marksmanship

with a powerful header against Palace at Upton Park a month ago, but that goal was wiped out after the game was abandoned when the floodlights failed.

The rerun should feature West Ham's Australia winger, Stan Lazaridis, who is due for his first Premiership outing since a groin injury in September.





# Report reveals scale of clubs' financial plight

ONLY two Super League clubs were found to be profitable and several have been deemed technically insolvent in a damning independent survey of the game by the accountancy firm, KPMG. The position of first division clubs is even more precarious. On the eve of a discussion today at the Rugby League division, the position is even

Council of a controversial proposal to exclude Keighley and Workington from the first division next season because they are in administration, the revelation that the elite end of the game has debts of nearly million is an embarrassment.

Up to the end of 1996, only Wigan, partly because of the sale of high-profile players,

could boast anything like a reasonable profit. Sheffield were the other club in the black, to the time of £5,000, after the first season of summer rugby league. However, Sheffield's liabilities, along with those of Bradford, London and Oldham, who were subsequently liquidated, exceeded their assets. In the first

liabilities outstripped assets.
Two years into the five-year, £87 million Super League deal with the News Corporation, parent company of The Times. virtually all the money so far has gone to the players. Wage bills at Wigan, Bradford and St Helens exceeded £2 million,

more stark. Ten clubs record-

ed a pre-tax loss and at six.

RUGBY UNION

# Tait and Craig add to Scotland's woes

SCOTLAND'S prepara-tions for their match against South Africa on Saturday were further disrupted yesterday when Alan Tait and James Craig were forced to withdraw from the squad because of harnstring injuries (Mark Souster writes). Tait was already doubtful

and the selectors' fears were confirmed when his injury failed to respond to treatment Craig pulled a hamstring during Scotland's closed training session yes-terday. Tait's absence, in particular, is one that the already depleted Scots can ill afford. The Newcastle centre played in both the British Isles' victories over South Airica in the summer and has been an integral part of the team since returning from rugby league.

Craig. 20, won his first cap in a nervous debut against Australia II days ago, but was expected to keep his place in the side which, barring further mishap, will be ansounced today at Murrayfield. Sev-

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Richie Dixon, the coach. Duncan Hodge, Craig Chalmers or Gregor Townsend could switch to centre in place of Tait, while Craig's replacement will be either Craig Joiner or Derek Stark.

While Scotland licked their wounds yesterday, the South Africans' only injury worries concerned Andre Snyman and Henry Honihall, but both are expected to be fit.

In the light of reported overtures to Mark Andrews. Nick Maliett, the new coach, has called on the South African Rugby Football Union to take steps to ensure that leading players are not enticed overseas before the World Cup. "With the amount of money being bandled about, South Africa has to react if they are serious about keeping their players," Mallett said. "I believe Mark Andrews will stav and fulfil his World

Cup contract. I know he

would prefer to stay in

more than half their annual Super League allocation. The money has still not been enough to afford full-time professionalism and the report doubts whether the Rugby Football League (RFL) can successfully impose a salary cap next year

James Dow, the report's author, welcomed the decisions to offer franchises from 1999 and no relegation from the Super League next season as steps towards financial viability. He supported a reduction in the number of professional clubs, mergers, ground-sharing, expansion into new areas and the appointment by clubs of professional administrators with financial backgrounds.

There has been strong opposition in the past from supporters to suggestions that individual clubs should merge," Dow said. "Although this is an understandable reaction because of historical allegiances, the time has come when local rivalries have to be set aside if the game itself is to

The real dilemma for rug-by league is increasing its supporter base. This is the key to helping to pay players and bringing in more revenue through areas like kit mer-chandising. You need a minimum 10,000 — ideally 15,000 - supporters attending regularly in order to develop a viable income stream, but when you've got 500 people at matches it's impossible."

Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, said: "Many of the report's recommendations have already been addressed. The original 1994 Framing the Future document highlighted the need to improve stadium facilities and clubs' internal management structures, while the recent RFL working party provided more proposals regarding the structure and spread of competitions.

"What they [KPMG] others must realise is that our game is undergoing evolution, not revolution, and that it takes time to reduce historic debt, and thereafter to create successful management structures and to redevelop stadium facilities."



Reynard, left, and Pollock, of British American Racing, are all smiles during their press conference yesterday

# Tyrrell moves out of the fast lane

en Tyrrell, reduced to a talking head on a closed-circuit television screen by the men who had purchased his heritage, spoke sadly to an unseen audience yesterday afternoon. He was an eerie presence, a haunting reminder of the way that Formula One has been dehumanised in the name of progress.

Tyrrell sold his motor racing team, the emotional core of his life, last Friday. In return for an estimated £18 million, he offered the empty suits of the marketing department at British American Tobacco (BAT) the biggest opportunity of their

Yesterday was payback time. He was obliged to add an empty tribute to British American Racing, the new team that, from 1999, will be the vehicle for Jacques Villeneuve, the world champion. "We have chosen to sell the company," Tyrrell said. "We have not been forced to sell it." His image, projected onto three screens at the BBC Radio Theatre, was indistinct and overexposed, but that merely added to the poignancy of the contribution. His was a voice from the past, when a man's character was considered more important than his commercial contacts.

"To compete at the top level in Formula One is very expensive," he said. "We have not been able to put the funding together to enable us to compete." Tyrrell paused and added wistfully: "In spite of recent

Michael Calvin watches as one of the great names

of Formula One announces the sale of his team

events, I have not found the Formula One paddock an unfriendly place." Next season, his 31st in Formula One,

will be Tyrrell's last. His factory in Ockham, Surrey, will close and the best and brightest of his workforce will be assimilated into the new technical team that is being assembled by car builder Adrian Reynard, at a new factory in Brackley, just down the M40 from Silverstone. Details of the new operation were restricted to statements of the obvious. Officials were coy, calculating and insufferably smug.

Martin Broughton, the BAT executive with ultimate responsibility for a £200 million investment, hailed the Government's exemption of Formula One from the European Union ban as "a welcome return to common sense". Perhaps unwisely, given the delicacy of the subject, he chose to boast: "Formula One is a global business. There are still more than 75 countries which allow tobacco advertising."

This was supposed to be no mere press

conference. It was "an event". To prove the point, Clive James was employed as performing monkey for the corporate organ grinders. He was on auto-pilot. reading an excruciating script from a series of pink cue cards.

Craig Pollock. Villeneuve's manager, surprised no one by refusing to confirm his driver's involvement. He threw the name of Michael Schumacher on to a shortlist of potential drivers with a "let's wait and see", a move that was immediately interpreted as an attempt to secure another set of cheap headlines.

Reynard has already had 600 applications from aspiring technical staff. His long-established doubts about the wisdom of involvement in Formula One have been countered by Pollock's persusasive nature and BAT's budget. Ironically, as the new team was being launched, the FIA, motor sport's governing body, revealed that they had asked Jackie Stewart to prove that his team has a stable financial future. The former triple world champion's response, that he has £25-million backing next

Tyrrell was Stewart's mentor. They won titles together and share something more than a place in the record books. They have a sense of perspective, a sense of propriety. Regrettably, in the modern equivalent of Formula One, that makes them outsiders. Figures of fun or, worse,

# Top pair to test **Britons** in London

TENNIS: Yevgeni Kafelnikov and Richard Krajicek will be among the challengers to Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman in the Guardian Direct Cup ATP Tour event at Battersea Park from February 23 to March I next year.

The Great Britain team of Danny Sapsford, Martin Lee and Arvind Parmar meet Germany in the first round of the European men's team chamoionship champions division in Reggio Calabria, Italy, today.

# China tests

DRUGS IN SPORT: China said yesterday that it had stepped up doping tests on its sportsmen and women. "In swimming alone, 576 tests, including 397 out-of-competition checks. were performed between January I to October 30 and none turned out positive." Yang Tianle, of the Chinese Olympic Committee's medical commission, said.

# Tough draw

HOCKEY: Slough, the leaders of the Women's National League premier division, have been drawn against Leicester, the first division leaders, in the fifth round of the EHA Women's Cup. Hightown, the holders, meet non-league

# Packers through

MARICAN FOOTBALL: The Green Bay Packers, the defending Super Bowl champions, have become the second National Football Conference team to clinch a play-off berth with a 27-11 victory over the Minnesota

# David drops out

RUGBY UNION: Tom David, the former Wales flanker, has resigned as the part-time director of rugby at Newport, who are struggling at the foot of the Welsh League premier division.

# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This is a hand from the 1997 Cavendish Pairs. My reporter tells me that it shows you cannot trust anybody these days.

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It was risky for Peter Weichsel (one of my backgammon teachers 25 years ago) to open just One Club on the North hand. However, that is rarely passed out. When his partner Mike Albert responded One Heart. Weichsel in essence bid Six Hearts. The contract appears to depend fairly and squarely on the club finesse can you see how declarer might ee down?

Albert won the diamond lead and played the jack of hearts, which held the trick. Now he got care: he took the ace of spades, played off the are of diamonds and ruffed a diamend, cashed one top club and played the king of spades and ruffed a spade. Then he exited with a second heart, hoping that East would have the singleton ace left and so be endplayed.

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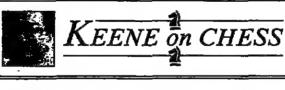
East (George Steiner, but not the G.S. who uses all those long words) took the ace. and cleverly offered declarer a ruff and discard by playing a spade, rather than exiting with his last trump. Of course declarer should reject the Greek gift by ruffing in hand and drawing the last trump, to take the club finesse, but Albert thought he saw a better line. He decided to ruff the spade in dummy and throw a dub from hand. Now all he needed was for the king of clubs to stand up and he would have the rest without the club finesse. When the second round of clubs got ruffed, he was wiser and

eadder. Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

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By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT Needle match

Today's game was the most important clash from the tournament in Belgrade. It enabled Anand to move to the head of the nack while simultaneously condemning Kram-

nik to a more lowly situation

in the tournament table.

As with yesterday's game the opening, in which Black snatches material at the expense of his pawn structure, was typical of the aggressive counterattacking cast of mind of the younger generation of grandmasters. Seizing the initiative seems to be their highest priority. In this particular case. White's sacrifices turned out to be excessive and in spite of obtaining five connected passed pawns. Black's own passed pawns, combined with his extra bishop and knight, were decisive.

White: Vladimir Kramnik

Black: Viswanathan Anar						
Belgrade, November 1997						
Semi-Slav Defence						
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2	c4 .	e6				
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9	Be2	Bb7				
10	25	Nn5				
11	84	a6				
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14	bg3	Kg8				
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16	Bg4	. Qe7				
17	Ne4	. Rh7				
18	Nd6	Rb8				
19	b4	h5				

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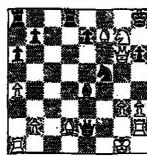
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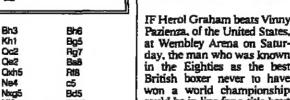
Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Black to play. This position is a variation from the game Korchnoi

— Speelman, Brussels 1988. Both sides have their forces buzzing dangerously close to the oppos-ing king. However, it is Black's move and this enables him to land a decisive blow. Can you see how?

Solution on page 46





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6	Nxq5	Bd5		
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Diagram of final position

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By Raymond Keene

Graham chases world title chance By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

Pazienza, of the United States. did a deal with us, I never at Wembley Arena on Saturimagined that I'd be sitting day, the man who was known in the Eighties as the best here in the West End today talking about him topping a British boxer never to have won a world championship could be in line for a title bout said. with Robin Reid, of Runcorn. the World Boxing Council

(WBC) champion. Frank Maloney, the promoter, said yesterday that Graham, who is ranked No 4 by the WBC, would be moved up to No I and the mandatory challenger position if he impresses against Pazienza, from Rhode Island, "When I sat with Herol in February in that pub in Petticoat Lane when he

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Third division: Postponad: Colchester v Cerdif, Derling-ion v Shrewsbury, Macclesfield v

ton V Strewsbury, Macclessed V Southorge.
FA UMBRO TROPHIV: Third qualifying round replays: Postponed: Margato V Corby, Abingdon Town v Stingbourns. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Areanel 1 Norwich 0 SCHOOLS MATCH: Boodte & Dunthorne Cup: Reptor 2 Eton 1.
WORLD CLUB CHAMPHONSHIP: Borussie Dortmund (Ger) 2 Cruzsero (Br) 0 (in Yokyo).

bill at Wembley." Warren "It's like a dream. I only took him on a fight-by-fight

autumn." Graham said that it was not

BOXING: REID MAY BE NEXT IF AMERICAN IS BEATEN IN STYLE AT WEMBLEY

basis, but, when he knocked out Chris Johnson, I quickly rushed a contract under his nose. The WBC have told me that they'll be watching his performance on Saturday and, if he wins well, he will be moved up to No I and I expect he will fight Reid by next

surprising that he was still capable of giving younger men a lesson in the art of boxing. While he was not as robust as he once was, he said that he still had enough of his speed, reflexes and skill to take him to the world title that he

came close to winning on two

previous occasions.

"I believe that I have still got it," Graham, from Sheffield. said. "I know the speed and reflexes are still there. I have been sparring with two or three opponents at the same time and none have been able to touch me. My first two fights of my comeback did not

mean anything, but by the time I fought Johnson last June. I had got much of my old sharpness back."

Graham returned to the ring last November after an absence of four years. Many were concerned about his health at that time, but, after his eight-round win over Johnson, a highly-rated Canadian. the doubters are having to think again.

☐ John Fashanu, the footballer who was cleared of matchfixing allegations in August, has taken over the management of the business affairs of Herbie Hide, the World Boxing Organisation heavyweight champion, from Norwich.

# FOR THE RECORD

FA UMBRO TROPHY: First-round draw: Berrow v Worksop: Manne or Grantham v Bradfard PA or Legif FMI. Halfatz v Blyrin Spartans: Lancaster v Northwich; Hednestord v Gainshorough Burion Alb v Great Harwood or Witton: Gusceley v Tehord; Morecambe v Solinull or Emley; Hyde v Boston Utd; Althricham v Runcom; Stelybondge v Gatechead: Bishop Auckland v Cotwyn Bay; Soutipon v Mallock, or Winstord Utd: Greatey v Leek Tr; Astron Utd v Chorley, Kettering v Dorchesler; Walling Utd v Stough, Dagenham and Redbridge v Bishericay; Bashley v Winsbech or Raunds, Hayes v Methyr Tydfl or Cambridge Crty, Kidderminster v Berkhemster, Bashley v Winsbech or Raunds, Hayes v Methyr Tydfl or Cambridge Crty, Kidderminster v Berkhemster, Bashled v Chety or Margate; Rushleten and Dismonds v Chertsford Coy; Prificel v Dover, Yeovil v Yeading, St. Albans v Strangbourne or Abrigdon Tin; Basingstoke v Gloucester Utle v De Payed on January 10, 1998 Monday's tate results NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Minnesota 11 Green Bay 27. ATHLETICS COSPORO: Representative match; Men:
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(North) 31:00; 3, K Lamb (McClands) 31:01;
4, C Liddal (McClands) 31:4; 5, M Yelfing
(East) 31:20; 6, S Risa (Eriteh Universities)
31:22; 7, J Brown (North) 31:29 Teams; 1,
North 58, 2, Miclands 78: 3, East 86; 4,
South 150; 5, Royal Air Fonce 237 Women:
1, A Wright (McClands) 22:99; 2, A Dutram
(British Universities) 22:09; 2, A Dutram
(British Universities) 24:05; 5, J Tumbud (North)
24:20; 6, B Jankins (North) 24:34 Teams;
1, Miclands 20; 2, North 32; 3, British
Universities 41; 4, East 85

BASKETBALL Monday's late results FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Bolton 1 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Usah 100 New Jersey 95,

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UNIBOND LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round: President's Cup: Sociosoridge.
RYMAN LEAGUE: Pull Members Cup: Second round: Bognor Regis 3 Worthing 1
AVON INSUFANCE COMBINATION: Frest division: Chelsee 3 Portsmouth 0, Queens Park Rangers 2 Bingmon 1.
PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Cup: Group three: Leicester 0 Derby 1 CRICKET SUPERSPORT SERIES (final day of four):
Durban: Eastern Province 238-6 dec (K C Wessels 85. J Kernp 51 not out); Natel 33-2. Match drawn. Johannesburg: Gastlang 99 and 182; Free State 205 and 70-3. Free State win by eight wickets.
TOUR MATCHES: One day: Canberra: South Africans 268-6 (JH Kalls 50 not out); Prime Minister's 298-6 (JH Kalls 50 not out); Prime Minister's 298-6 (JH Kalls 50 not out); Prime Minister's 298-6 (JH Kalls 50 not out); Prime Minister's 298-7 (MLE Husbey 91, M J Steter 70) South Africans win by 11 nuris. Final day of four: Cape Town: West Index A 290 and 174; Western Province 199 and 232 (H D Acterman 72, H Pangarker 53; O D Gibson 5-85). West Indias A win by 23 nuris. Leicester 0 Derby 1
FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second-round replays: Deneby 1 Armthorpe Welfare 0.
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DUTCH LEAGUE; Apr. 2 Fortuna Strand 0.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Aux 2 Foftuna Sittard 0. BELGIAN LEAGUE: Burges 2 Anderlecht 1. SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelons 3 Menda 1. PORTUGUESSE LEAGUE: Leca 1 Sporting Liston 0; FC Porto 5 Faennsa 2. ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Independente 2 Colon 1; Girmansia y Tiro 1 Racing 1; Union 3 Girmasia Le Piata 3: Estudiarrise 0 River Patria 2; Newell's Okt Boys 1 Ferro Card Osea 2; Velez Sariado 5 Pocarno Central 1. Platensa 3 Deportivo Español 1; San

Lorenzo 1 Lanus 1; Boca Juniors 2 Huracan 1; Argentince Juniors 1 Girmaese July 3 BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONISHIP: Semi-final stage: Group A: Portuguesa 1 Vasco da Gama 3, Flamengo 2 Juventude 0 Group 8: Internacional 4 Santos 1; Palmeras 3 Adenco Mineiro 1.

MARBELLA: PGA European team champ-issetus: Leaders after two rounds: 278

ionship: Leaders after two rounds: 278: Socialard (A Crear 65, D Thomson 701, 284: Wales (P Mayo 71, S Bebb 73, 286: England (P Wesselingh 71, B Brimme 71, P Lyons 711, Italy, Holland 287: Austra, 286: Span Other score; 291: ireland (R Giles 73, D McGrane 73) 73, D McGrane 73)
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BONN, Germany: Women's world cham-pionship: Group A: Germany 32 Japan 17: Austra 36 Brazi 23: Polend 29 Angola 24 Group B: Croatie 27 Canada 14: Norway 34 Belanus 21 Group C: Romenie 44 Algerie 33: Hungary 36 Unuguey 12 Group D: Macadona 26 Stovenie 22; Pussia 27 Crech Republic 24.

WOMEN'S TOUR MATCH: West Witney 2 Stellenboach Univ (SA) 3 EHA WOMEN'S PLATE: Second round: Abrigdon 0 Standard 0 (Standard wire 2-1 on pens): Ambleside 0 Durham Limbranity 1; Bioscomieto 3 Rouer Cowley 10, Bournemouth 9 Taw Valley 0; Bromitry 0 Poly 1. Burton 1 Chestrurt 2 Leichworth 3: Chillien 0 Cambridge City 4, Colchester 1 Graves, and 0 Cambridge City 4, Colchester 1 Graves, and 0 Easthoune 0 Severnoals 2 Famborough 2 Sommig 1, Harrow 9 Bishop's Storing 0; Harrow van 5-2 on pens); Harvert 2 Camberley 0; Homcastie 2 Peterborough 2 (Homcastle wir 3-2 on pens); harby Stephen 2 Adel 2 (Kinsby win 4-3 on pens); Lansdown 2 Bath 0; Lillington 2 East Gloups 1; Manchester Peelers 1 Worksop 4 Moso Park 3; Norwich Union 2 St Necks 2 (Nor-

wich win 3-2 on pens); Reading 9 Wootlon Bassert (); Sarbosins 0 Lincoln Imps 8, Shehield 3 Britiseld 2; Shapitol 0 Harborne 3; Timpenley 10 North Staffs 4, Tunbridge Welte () Dutwich 6, Welwyn Gerden City 3 Hournslow 1; West Herts 1 Maidenhead 3 HA WOMEN'S CUP: Frith-nound drawt Caffon v Chelmslond, Doncaster v Poyston Harleston Magples v Trojane; Lecester v Slough; Loughtborough Students v Otton, Surron Coldheld v Brackhell, Welton v Marchaney Wolfon v Midnighe,

ICE HOCKEY

EXPRESS CUP: Menchester Storm 5 Nortingham Partities 8 (01), Bearingstoke Bisons 3 Ayr Scottish Eagles 5. NATIONAL LEAGUE (NH-L): Sunday; New York Rangers 1 Flonds 1 (01); Edmanton 6 San Jose 1 Menday; Calgary 3 San Jose 2 (01); Carolins 3 Boston 1; Flonds 2 Phoenix 3; Montreal 0 Prisburgh 1; Philadelphia 1 Buffalo 1 (01); Derroit 3 Vancouver 3 (01)

NETBALL

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Meads (Engl 15-8, 15-12, 16-17, 13-15,
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13-15, 15-9, 15-6

The caring side of crocs

# SPORT / BROADCASTING RM

# Lara fails again as Pakistan surge towards victory in second Test



Lara reflects on another batting disappointment as he walks back to the pavilion after being dismissed by Wasim for one yesterday

# West Indies lack heart for fight

WE MIGHT not have reached, absolutely and finally, the moment when West Indian cricket can sink no farther but, for the time being, this wretched team remains anchored to the seabed. The players may dream of liberation but only they can find the necessary means of release and the will simply is

Their performance yesterday - as they ended the fourth day of this second Test on 99 for six after Pakistan had scored 471, to take a lead of 168 was pitiful. It was also predictable. This is a team without heart and divided against itself. David Lloyd, the England coach, who left for Lahore yesterday morning to join his players, can tell them without a hint of a lie that they will never have a better chance of winning in the Caribbean, when they go there next month.

Only rain can prevent Pakistan from adding an innings victory here to the one they claimed in Peshawar two weeks ago. Showers are forecast today, but if the weather conspires with West Indies to deny Pakistan another win it will be most unjust. Despite the loss of

SACHIN TENDULKAR'S

captaincy of India will be

under the spotlight during the

third and deciding Test

Bombay today, "I'm not wor-ried about keeping or losing

my captaincy. What's impor-

tant is for the team to win,"

Cricket officials in India

said that Tendulkar's leader-

ship would be reviewed on the

second day of the Test. He

Tendulkar said.

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN RAWALPINDI

58 overs in this match to overnight dew and bad light, only one side has played with a purpose.

Hooper, the languid Guyanese, offered some defiance yesterday, driving Mushtaq Ahmed for three sixes in an over, and he resumes on 44. At the other end is Bishop, a busted flush as a bowler, and when he is out there are only the other three fast men to follow. The game should be over inside an

Lara — alas, poor Lara! Wasim Akram caught him in his follow-through after the bassman had sneaked one run from 16 balls. He has made only 56 runs in four innings and. having put down two catches at slip, he owes them 132 runs before he can move into credit. As he has done for about 18 months, he looks a distracted man. Are Warwickshire really so anxious for him to lead their side?

Wallace and Stuart Williams, who have been promoted way beyond their station, had gone by then. Wagar's superb ball, curving in to the batsman

was appointed captain after a ing to focus on the task of

Tendulkar under scrutiny

lacklustre display by the team

that toured England under

Mohammad Azharuddin in

questioned because of indif-

ferent results in the past year.

of Control for Cricket in India

has been criticised for putting too much of a burden on

Tendulkar, who is already the

backbone of the side's batting.

Tendulkar, meanwhile, is try-

At the same time, the Board

from the line of leg stump, would have flattened Wallace's wicket, and Williams drove Wasim to gully, where Azhar knocked up a sharp catch. So, in no time at all, West Indies were 26 for three, just the start a team needs when it is trying to bat for a day and

For a while, Campbell kept the bowlers out, as he has done diligently this past month. Then Mushtaq bowled him off both legs and, in a storming finish to the day. Wasim returned to dismiss Chanderpaul leg before and David Williams, responding to Hooper's call, was run out from mid-off by Mushtag's direct hit.

The day ended acrimoniously when Waqar, completing his over off a short run, bowled a beamer at Hooper that touched the batsman's gloves as it flew low through to Moin. There was chaos as wicketkeeper and bowler appealed the catch, Javed Akhtar, the umpire, failed to call no-ball or issue a warning to Waqar and David Shepherd, the square-leg umpire, decided

that the light was sufficiently poor for everybody to go home.

Presumably the no-ball will be called retrospectively and Waqar, warned for the offence, will complete the over this morning. A beamer is a shocking ball at the best of times and, in the fading light of the evening, it was extremely difficult for Hooper to pick up its flight. Surely a yorker would have been more

Until they began their second in-nings, West Indies had enjoyed much their best day of the series. Pakistan, who resumed on 403 for three, were able to add only 68 more runs after Inzamam-ul-Haq, sniffing his first double hundred in Tests, was caught Campbell off Waish early

It was another mighty effort by the West Indies captain, who finished with five for 143 from 43 overs. He must be sick and tired of flogging his guts out on behalf of people whose own performances are so inadequate. Here is one player whose spirit is indomitable. The others you would not pay in-

# SCOREBOARD FROM RAWALPINDI

Second Innings

S Chanderpaul low b Washin Alcam. 1D Williams run out. I R Bishop not out. Edites (nb 3).

Total (5 wids) ...

SCWUNG: Wasim Algam 9-5-17-2; Viagar Younia 7-0-29-1; Shoalb Aldstar 7-2-21-0; Azhar Materinood 2-1-4-0; Mushtag Ahmed 8-3-28-0.

PAKISTAN THE INVINCE Seed Amer c Willems b Ambrose.
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FALL: OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-64, 3-367 4-414, 5-415, 8-437, 7-459, 8-469, 9-469 BOWLING: Watch 43.1-5-143-5; Ambrose 18-2-63-1; Bishop 24-3-80-1; Rose 33-7-92-3; Hooper 17-1-71-0.

the England management

committee chairman, con-

cluded that England's busy schedule in 1998 and leading up to the 1999 World Cup,

made it imperative that play-ers should be made available

at any time for extra practice,

match preparation or rest. Cliff Barker, the ECB

treasurer, one of the other members of the working

group, has proposed that £500

per day should be paid to

county clubs in compensation

for taking a player out of a

The present compensation

of 75 per cent of international

match fee, which varies according to seniority of player from between £1,500 and

£1,800, will continue to be paid

when players are selected for

Test matches. Graveney said

that if he is granted authority

tomorrow he would be using it

with discretion and with due

regard for its impact on the

Graveney added that Eng-land had come to Lahore

because of the need to practise

under the lights of the Gaddafi

Stadium in preparation for Sharjah. The squad are due to

have their first outdoor net

first-class game".

practice today.

county fixture.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-10, 3-26, 4-67, 5-98, 8-98.

Umpires: D R Shepherd (England) and Javed Althor (Pakistan).

6.30mm Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorreine Keily 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Desley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00em lan Collins

TALK RADIO

iello Concerto in C); Chopin (Polone

(Cello Concerto In C); Chopin (Polonesse In A flatt); Smalley (Plano Trio)

12.00 Composer of the Week; Cole Porter

1.00pm The Redio 3 Lunchthme Concert. From the Adrian Boult Hall, Siminghen, Sophie Denemien, soprano, Eugene Ast, plano, Schubert (Die Vöget; Im Frühling; Die Mutter Erde; Suleiks I); Berg (Savan Early Songs); Mandelssohn (Auf Flügen) des Gesanges; Die Liebende Schreibt; Wenn Sich Zwei Herzen Schaiden; Neue Liebe; Nachtlied)

2.00 Mildweek Cholce, Cell Susan Sharpe on 0177

765 4308 with your classical music requests

4.00 Choral Evernong. Live from the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Albert

5.00 In Ture. Sean Raffeity seniores horror as he

5.00 in Tune. Seen Rafferly explores horror as he investigates an edibilition of Hammer Horror st. Museum of the Moving Image in Loadon

5.55mm (LW) Shipping Forecast 5.00 News Briefing 5.10 Farming Today 5.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 5.40 Yesterday in Parliament 5.58 Weether 9.00 News 9.05 Mildweek, with the Times columnist Libby Purves and guests

10.00 (F16) News; Power and How to Get 16. Jeremy Hardy concludes his look at those in positions of power and how they got there (4/4)

10.00 (LW) News; Daily Service

10.15 (LW) On this Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jenni Murrey
11.30 Gerdeners' Question Time (f)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Weite
12.25pm Ballylenon. A new series of the cornedy

12.00 Neves; You and Yours, with John Waite
12.25pm Bellylenon. A new series of the cornedy
charms series by Christopher Fiz-Simon. With
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McCusiver (1/4) 12.55 Weather
1.09 The World at One, with Nick Clerke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Neves; Who Sings the Hero: No Joan of Arc,
by Bryony Lavery. See Choids
2.45 Tressure Islands. Wendy Cooling joins Michael
Rosen to pick the best peperbacks for all age
groups this Christmas:
3.00 Neves; The Afternoon Stelle, with Delire Bretter
4.00 Neves 4.05 Kaleidoecope. Paul Gambacchel
reviews Copland, staring Sylvester Stellone, as a
deaf New York street oop, and Broos Beresford's
Second World War charms. Paradise Road
4.45 Short Story: Ash on Caisares. Lewrence Scott
reads his new story about a Caribbean Island
threstered by a volcanic aruption



move in tandem. The thing that frightens them, as they approach 70, is that one will have to die first. But the central concern of the programme is academic research which has concluded from the experiences of identical twins that human intelligence and behaviour are largely predetermined. This notion is robustly challenged, most strikingly by the American twins Lori and Reba Schappell. Their environment is linerally shared, because they are joined at the head. Despite this, they have distinctive personalities, aspirations and talents.

### Secret Liver Margot Funtcytt

A Night With - Rick Stein

Radio 4, 8.05pm

Channel 4, 9.00pm

Those who follow this series will know not to expect Those who follow this series will know hat are experiment about Margot Fonteyn's dancing. Perhaps, apart from stressing that she was the supreme English ballering of her generation, there is sale to say. But her private life was something else. After a steenage affair with the married Constant Lambert, she remained unattached until, at 35, she married the Panarmanian playboy Thio Arias. For the rest of the life has used obsciently along with his desires. the Paramanian playboy Two Arias. For the rest of his life she went obediently along with his desires and whims. She ended up in prison after his ridiculous attempt to plot a Paramanian revolution and after he was shot and paralysed by the husband of one of his mistresses she sacrificed everything to look after him. Despite arthritis, she danced well beyond normal retirement age to raise money for his medical fees.

Peter Wayssark

There are series that have inspired origins and there are series that amend a familiar formula.

There are no Sorry awards in the latter ber any idea that works is a good idea. Tonight, especially, it works for me because Stein is my favourite among

the television chefs, partly because of his Cornish environment but also because he takes himself less seriously than some. He is good on the radio, for

he has the knack of sounding conversational. His recollections are indeed very much of the night:

night fishing, all-night parties, long and frenenic nights in the kitchen of his Padstow restaurant. His choices in music are predictable (the Doors,

the Stones) and his poetry choices are interestin (Keats, Tennyson). Peter Barnar

WORLD SERVICE

Who Sings the Hero: No Joan of Are Radio 4, 2.00pm

BBC1, 8.00pm

Documentaries about crocodiles are hardly rare in the natural history canon but this one offers a couple of new angles in addition to the expected footage. For a start it tries to rescue the croe from its reputation as just a ruthless preduor. As the film shows, the species is well-mannered and adaptable and, when it comes to making and caring for its

and, when it comes to making and caring for its young, surprisingly tender. Part of the adaptability lies in diet and thanks to infra-red cameras we can for the first time watch the crocodile hunting at night for fish and molluses. Another night sequence follows a confrontation between crocs

and lions over a tasty carcass. A more familiar episode is a crocodile attack on zebra as they cross

a river, though we are spared the worst of the violence and bloodshed.

You might expect London's 4,500 railway arches to tell a tale or two. But credit to Derek Turnbull for seeing the potential for a documentary and making such an entertaining job of it. Brian, a cheery East Ender who is in the second-hand trade, may call

Ender who is in the second-hand trade, may cau himself an eccentric but in this content the term is relative. Especially as Turnbull's next subject, who calls himself Master B, uses his arch for S and M and has the handcuffs, riding crop and leather strap to prove it. John, a local policeman, observes that arch people are mostly reasonable people making an horiest living, though there are some of the other kind. Turnbull is not inclined to dwell on these leathers.

these. Instead he unearths a gen club, a coffin maker, a golf driving range and a mosque. By now nothing is surprising, not even a piano duo running through the signature time of Desert Island Discs.

IIV, 9.00pm (Scottish, 10.30; Grampian. 11.40)

This is not the first documentary to suggest that identical twins have special problems. One is that being so close, the death of one can have a devastating effect on the survivor. Anthony Thomas's film features Bill and John Reiff. They work, eat, shop and sleep together and speak and

Modern Times: Arch People

vins — The Divided Self

BBC2, 9.00pm

Radio 4, 200pm

This is a dramatisation of the 1993 Paris hostage taking in which Laurence Dreyfus, a 30-year-old teacher, protected her charges so heroically. The writter is Bryony Lavery, who is one of the hostest properties in British drama at present. The story told here ranges over the 46 hours from the moment Eric Schmitt, armed with a gim and with sticks of explosive strapped to his body, handed Dreyfus a note which read: "This is a hostage-taking," Lavery has given proper emphasis to the most important and miriguing aspect of the story, which is how Dreyfus managed to keep the atmosphere so calm that Schmitt felt confident enough to start releasing the children. Six of them were left when the climax came.

### RADIO 1

6.30em Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Merk Raddiste 4.00 Dave Pearlos 6.15 Newsbest 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Trade Update 8.40 John Peel, Includes a session from Magic Dirt 10.30 Mery Annel Hobbs 1.00em Clive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

d.00am Nevertsy 8,30 Europe Today 7,00 Never 7,15 Off the Shelt: The Green is Singing 7,30 Medicin Live 8,60 Neves 8,10 Passe for Thought 8,15 Westway 8,30 Everystowan 9,00 Neves; Neves in German (648 only) 9,06 World Businesis Report 9,15. The Famining World 9,30 Schenoe File: 9,46 Sports Roundup 10,00 Networket 10,30 One Planet 11,00 Networket 10,30 One Planet 11,00 Neves desk 11,30 Sports. Historiational 12,00 News 12,05pea. World 8usinese Report 12,15 Bittain Today 12,30 Soundayie 12,45 Sports Roundup 1,00 Neves 10,00 News 12,05pea. World 8usinese Report 12,15 Bittain 16,40 Neves 4,15 From Our Own Corresponders 4,30 The World Today; News in German (648 only) 4,45 Bittain Today 5,30 Europe Today 5,30 World Business Report 5,45 Sports Roundup 6,80 Newsciesis 6,30 The Worlds, News in Geoman (648 only) 7,00 News 7,00 Outbook 7,25 Passe for Thought, 7,30 Newsciesis 6,30 The Worlds, News in Geoman (648 only) 7,00 News 7,00 Curbook 7,25 Passe for Thought, 7,30 Newsciesis 6,30 The Worlds, Roundup 11,00 Newsciesis 12,30 The World Today 9,30 On Screen 10,00 Newsciesis 12,30 Sports Foundup 11,00 Newsciesis 12,30 Mediciness Report 11,00 Newsciesis 12,30 Mediciness 12,40 Nevsciesis 12,50 Nevsciesis 12,50 Nevsciesis 12,50 Nevsciesis 12,50 Nevsciesis 13,50 Nevsciesis 13,5 8.00mm Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Welse Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Pem Rhodes. Includes Brichs and Mortar 3.00 Ed Stewert 5.05 John Ourn 7.00 Nick Barraciough 8.00 Folk on 2 9.00 Blue Collar 9.30 John Mortimer Presents' Sensetional British Tries: 10.00 Auralia's Family Album 10.30 Richard Alimson 12.05mm Steve Macklen 9.00 Alex Laster

# RADIO = LIVE

8.00mm The Bresidest Programme 8.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 Midday with Meir 2.00pm Fluscoe on Five 4.00 Nationarde with Julian Womloter 7.00 News Edra 7.30 John Invendele's Football Night, Live coverage of the first division clash between QPR and Norwich City, Including the National Lottery Live 10.00 Littledon 11.00 News Edra 12.00 After Hours 2.00mm Up All Night with Rhod Sharp 5.00 Morning Report

# VIRGIN RADIO

S.00em Jeremy Clark 7.00 Chris Evens 10.00 (FM) Hobin Benks (AM) Graisem Dene 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (MN) Nicky Home 4.00 Russ 'n' Jone 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyte (AM) Calmin Jones 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Richard Porter

6.00em Nick Balley, including the Morring Misch and Brealdast Beroque 9.00 Henry Kelly. Michael Barry prepares not cabbage with apples and Record of the Week features the best of the new releases 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with best of the new referees 1.00pm Listener Pequest Hour with Lare Jones 2.00 Concerto. Weber (Clerinst Concerto No 2 in E fist) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.30 Newsright 7.00 Smooth Classics with John Brushing 8.00 Evening Concert, Ractimization (Phispsody on a Theme of Pagennic): Totalicustor (Serenade for Strings in C); Brahms (Symptony No 2 in D) 10.00 Michael Mappir, Includes at 11.35 Nactume 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00

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6.00cm On Air. Presented by Stephanie Hughes.
Dvořák (Song to the Moon, Rusalica); Vaughan Wiliams (Fardasta on a Theme of Thomas Tailia); Altegri (Aliaerera); Mozart (Horn Quirtet in E tiel); Sibelius (The Swan of Tuonela); Schubert (Nottumo in E filat)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Komgold (Sulte Much Ado about Nothing); Schumann (String Quartet in A); Fauré (Sulte Pelléae et Méticande)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines. Marini (Sinfonia, Balletti and Sarabandes for Treble Instruments and Continuo); Topett (Songs of Artel); Weber (Pieno Soneta No 3); Besthoven (Consecration of the House, excepts); Haydn (Cello Concerto in C); Chopin (Poloneles In A fiat); Seculter (Cleto Trich, Trich, Poloneles In A fiat);

6.00 Rush Hour Concert: Voices at the Wigneire
Hall, Christopher Mailman, beritone, Makcolm
Mattineau, pierro. Fauré (Poème d'un jour);
Debussy (Irols Poèmes de Paul Verfaine); Ravel
(Don Culchotte à Dulchnée); Gurney (Four Songs);
Anon (Three Victorien and Edwardien Ballads)
7.00 Cocktaille, Inclindes Ambrose and His Orchestre
with the vocalists Vera Lynn, Sam Browne and
Evelyn Dell (2/8) (r)
7.30 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Cantury).
Live from the Festival Hall, London, London
Phithermichic Orchestra under Gertradi
Rochdestversky. Protofiev, arr Rozhdestversky
(Five Poems), with Valentina Tsyclypova, soprano,
Lubov Sokolova, mezzo-soprano, Viktor Lutsyuk,
tenor; (Violin Concerto No 2 in G manor), with
Vadim Repin, violin 8.30 St Petersburg: City of
Multiple Personalities. Solomon Volkov and others
investigate the impact of the fictional city on the
cultural life of the real city 8.50 Prokofiev, arr
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10.00 Ensemble. A recital by Janet Hilton, clarinst, and Roren O'Hora, plano, Weber (Invitation to the Dance); Mendelssohn (Clarinst Sonata in E fiel).
10.46 Night Warves, with Petrick Wright
11.30 Composer of the Weelt Massenet (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Another chance to hear Digby Feriweather's interview with Dick Suchalias (r)
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald MacLeod

# RADIO 4

5.00 PM, with Clare English and Charlie Lee-Potter 5.50 Shoping Forecast 5.55 Weather.

8.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 Wildbrakm. The sixth regional heat of the wildlife cutz, from the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh (f)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Mysterious Ways. The Times columnist Libby Purvas accraines the legacy of a Christian mileansum. This week site isless a look at the priestly trade over the centuries (4/6)

8.05 A Night with — Pick Stein. See Choice (4/6)

8.30 Glants' Shoulders. The Times columnist Melayal Bragg taiks to British and French historians and scientists about the life of the chardet Lavoisier (4/6)

9.00 Coeting the Earth. Includes a took at the management of water supplies (3/5)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (f) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustin (9/10)

19.46 Book at Bedtimes Another Time, Another Pisce, by Jessie Kesson. Read by Vicki Mestion (8/10)

(8/10)
11,00 The Iguanodon. The final part of the cornedy solventure by Paul Lucas. With Paul Haigh and

adventure by Paul Lucas. With Paul Haighton Deutoch Crowley 11.30 (FM) Today in Parliament 11.30 (FM) Hair in the Gafe. Cive Coleman's comedy series set in the world of arts broadcasting. With Geoffrey Whitehead and Rebecca Front (\$\frac{3}{2}\) (\*) 12.00 News 12.30sm The Late Books Metroliand Julian Barnes reads his first novel (\$\frac{3}{2}\)(\*) (\*) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Sengle\*.

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# **England prepare for light** work after arduous journey

THE England party arrived in Lahore yesterday after an arduous 17-hour journey from Heathrow. Three separate flights were needed, with stops at Dubai and Karachi, before the players and management touched down at the start of the short trip to Pakistan that precedes the four nations one-day tournament

winning the final Test to take

the series after two drawn

from the first Test that we failed to win because we had

not batted with any great enterprise," he said. "We

batted more positively in the

second Test. We will continue

to do so to give our bowlers

enough time to dismiss the

opposition twice."

at Sharjah. Some players reckoned they could have travelled to Anstralia in the time it took to get to reach the Lahore hotel that will be their base for the next one day I'd be able to remember six days of warm-up work before they retrace their steps back via Karachi and on across the Arabian Gulf to

Sharjah. The journey yesterday, fol-lowing an overnight flight to Dubai, included a 3½ hour

SHALWAR . (b) Loose trousers worn by both sexes in some South Asian countries, especially those worn by women together with a kameez. Urdin Salwar, Hindi salvar, Persian shulwar, H. R. F. Keating, Inspector Ghote Trusts Heart, 1972: "She was wearing not a suri but a bright, cherry-red kameer and shalwar." VESPASIENNE

(a) A public lavatory in France. A shortening of colonne vespasies Vespasian column. An eponym of Titus Phyrius Vespasianus, Rose Emperor. 69-79AD, who introduced a tax on lavatories. "A pipe or, to give it its polite name, a vespasienne, after the emperor was to solicitous of man's frailty."

but more quietly, without spring." WANANCHI (a) The indigenous workers in Kenya and Tanzania: the labouring masses. From the Swahili plural of mudnanchi an inhabitant or citizen. "For it was only a few weeks ago that President Nyerere was going about giving the wananchi [workers] the good word about how Socialist Tanzania was doing very nicely, thank you."

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BY OUR SPORTS STAFF wait at Karachi airport. David Lloyd, the England coach, was in the Lahore hotel lobby to greet his weary players his own outward journey four days ago took him just 72 hours on a direct flight from Manchester to Islamabad.

Officials of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) released details yesterday of the compensation counties will receive next summer if the proposal by David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, that England should gain extra control over players is passed at the meeting tomorrow of the

First Class Forum. A working group of eight, chaired by David Morgan, of

Glamorgan, and including

(a) A lively and sometimes grotesque version of Elizabeth I's galliard. The turdion was danced with the same steps as the galliard.



# Managers mucking in with the minions

ne of the problems with Back to the Floor (BBC2). in which high-flying execthe shopfinor for a week, has been that this perfectly good management exercise does not always make perfectly good television. Last night's, the last in the series, smacked more of a management exercise than most - not for a minute during her stint as a nursing auxiliary did Ann Lloyd presend that she wasn't chief executive of the Frenchay Hospital in Bristol. Indeed, when her shift finished, off came the horrible overalls, on went the suit, and it was back to the office for more meetings. But it still made very

good watching. Of course, the modern health service is almost guaranteed good watching. We watch for hours, transfixed by the relentless search for money, beds and pillows, hoping that one day somebody will

great question: "Why does it have to be like that?". A senior casualty using an argument often used by new parents. "Smells worse," sniffed a colleague. nurse provided the easy answer "I'm sure if we had endless funds we wouldn't have any of the problems that we have," but Lloyd works in a world where the possibility of endless funds is about the same as finding a cure for death. "That's true," she conceded.

As this was television, we had to get the silly part of the exercise over early. Lloyd was fully aware that becoming an auxiliary would mean getting her rubber gloves dirty and so were her new colleagues. She would be starting and quite possibly finishing - at the bottom. "Excrement," drooted one nurse, "Bodily ... things," sal-ivated another. Anyway, Lloyd was seen — from a sensible distance - gamely emptying all sorts of ghastly things and getting on with it. "No worse than mucking out a horse, I suppose," she said,

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ith the kindergarten stuff out of the way, we moved V on to more serious matters, such as pay and pillows. Her temporary boss tackled her diplomatically but firmly on pay for auxiliaries, but it was Kath, her temporary colleague in the sluices, who put her on the spot. Kath was paid £8,000 a year. "How much are you paid? Lloyd, to her great credit, didn't duck at all. "£70,000." We never discovered what the executive in charge of pillows earned, but possibly not as much as he expected after Lloyd had spent most of her week on the wards trying to find some. Back in the office, she was her steely chief executive self: "I hope he hasn't had his performance-related pay this year." Twenty new pillows arrived with the final credits.





With the distinction between accident emergencies and medical emergencies perhaps a little ar-cane for most of us, it was Kath's unexpected elevation that stuck in the memory, particularly as you couldn't see a male boss having the imagination to do it. A pointer of things to come came during a tea-break, when Lloyd took her back to the office. "Tea or coffee?" asked the secretary. "Earl Grey, please,"

answered Lloyd, still in her over-alls. There was a short but careerdetermining pause. "I'll have an Earl Grey too, please," said Kath. The new general services manager was on her way. Hospitals feature increasingly

large in Underworld (Channel 4), the comedy-drama serial written by Andy Hamilton. Aunt Doreen (Annette Crosbie) may have moved her baffling but entertaining subplot into a hospice, but the ward action continues apace. No sooner has one semi-reformed underworld leader paid for a new wing. than another, of the unreformed variety, burns it down, pausing only long enough to push an injured hitman down a liftshaft. A trip to the maternity wards should also have been on the cards

last night, but the ambulance never made it. Instead. Dennis and Clare's haby was delivered by his childless former wife. Susan (Susan Wooldridge) in a scene that moved from humour to tragedy in the blink of a tearful eye. Some would describe such writing as genius. I, while not wholly disagreeing, would point out that it can be difficult to keep up with,

The fact that Hamilton has also co-produced might explain an occasional tendency for the plot to fall totally asleep for a few minutes. After all, there can be nothing harder than telling yourself that your six-part creation might actually work better in four. If Hamilton had that conversation with himself, Hamilton the writer won, which is why we have a slightly sluggish narrative to watch, but some beautiful observation and acting to admire. Last night, the acting honours went to Trevor Peacock, who plays Dad Middlemass, the pensioned-off but still head-butting former gangland boss, who set things nicely up for next week's conclusion by revealing that the two feuding gangsters, Middlemass (Alun Armstrong) and Jezzard (Kevin McNally) are half-brothers, I told you it was difficult to keep up.

No problem keeping up with Best Friends (BBC2); it's only about eight minutes long. Peter Waterman and Keith Jackson are best friends, have been since their childhood in Coventry. Waterman is an extremely well known and extremely rich record producer and Jackson is a tool designer. We heard Waterman explaining why he preferred to keep their friendship away from the recording studio ("he's my refuge and sanduary from work"), but nothing about Waterman's other famous passion: trains. Jackson, who said he felt slightly excluded from Waterman's showbiz life, was interviewed with a model train lying on the carpet of his front room. Does his best mate ever let him play with the real thing?

# BBC1

6.00am Business Breekfast (13715) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (85845) 9.00 Good Living 9.25 Style Challenge (1545777) 9.50 Killroy (T) (2284067) 10.30 Can't Cook, Worr't Cook (1054932) 10.55 The Really Useful Show (8053406)

11.36 Change That in Durham (3279357) 12.00 News (T) and weather (9793964) 12.05pm Cell My Bluff (2904357) 12.35 Give Ue A Clue 5877845) 1.00 News (T) and weather (88932) 1.30 Regional News and weather (17746086)

1.40 The Weather Show (88640845) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (72069319) 2.05 Quincy (2/2) (r) (1363609) 2.55 Wogan's Best of Blankety Blank (2092580)

3.30 Playdays at the Roundabout Stop (r) (7003154) 3.50 ChuckleVision (r) (7083390) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (f) (3618970) 4.35 Out of Tune (1) (2985680) 5.00 Newsround (7731195) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (6692203

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (835999) 6.00 News and weather (38) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (90)

7.00 Face Value Does winning the lottery affect the way you dress? (1) (3336) 7,30 Tomorrow's World A new technique to convert blood from one type to another: the airport of the future (1) (74)

The Wildlife Specia Crocodile David Attenborough presents an insight into crocodiles, survivors from the age of the dinosaurs (T) (748777)

8.45 The National Lettery Live with music by Robbie Williams and a guest appearance from Driving School's Maureen Rees (T) 9.00 News (T) regional news and weather

9.30 Absolutely Febulous: The End Eddie's on a retreat, Patry in New York, Sally off the scene and only Mother left in the house (1) (r) (68593)

9.59 National Lottery Update (631222) 10.00 The X Files Scully undergoes a transformation when she bumps into a lonely divorcá (T) (679654)

10.45 Tom Jones Things look bleak for Tom and Sophia when Lady Beliaston surprises them together, and turns to the sinister Lord. Fellamer for advice on keeping the two young lovers apart (r) (T) (622932) WALES: 19.45 Fighting Class: Peedess Jim (576203) 11.15 Social Action Week 1997 (987796) 11.20 Tom Questions (60075) 12.45 FILM: er (568162) 2.15 7253146) 2.20 BBC News 24

11.40 Nightbreaker (1999) Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez play the same character in this drama about a neive doctor who witnesses the use of US soldiers as guines pigs in the nuclear tests of the 1950e. Directed by Peter Marke (T)

1,15am Weather (9901817) 1.20 BBC News 24

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# BBC2

6.00em Technology: Hidden Power (41086) 6.30 Channel for Communication (56845) 7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (3579154)

7.15 Teletubbles (r) (2788154) 7.40 The Peris of Penslope Pitatop (r) (8128715) 8.06 It'll Never Work (r) (831932) 8.30 Model Millie (r) (8715357) 8.45 The Piscord (9896872) 9.10 What? Where? Wher? Why? (6381951) 9.25 English Express (4427406) 9.45 Words and Pictures (9080135) 10.00 Teletubbles (f) (70425) 10.30 Numbertime (5296796) 10.45 Watch (5284961) 11.00 Around Scotland (9966628) 11-20 Job Bank (1714680) 11.40 Revista (4162609) 11.55 Quinze Minutes Plus (2351406) 12.10pm Science in Action (8396593)

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4.00 Ready Steady Cook (13) 4.30 Through the Keyhole (2984951) 4.55 Eather: Baby Snatching (5370777) 5.30 Today's the Day (67)

6.00 Star Treic The Next Generation (r) (T) 8.45 Stiders (r) (T) (895338)

7.30 A Date with an Artist Sculptor Peter Randall-Page aided by deal percussionist Evelyn Glennie creates a carving to appeal to the senses of sight, hearing and touch, while photographer Catherine Yass plans a portrait to commemorate an elderly East End couple's house move (1) (15)

8.00 Gary Rhodes A retirement meal for a Bedales housemistress (1) (7086) 8.30 Home Front The leather revival sprucing up a boring staircase (1) (6593)



Arch mosque and Imam (9,00pm)

Modern Times: Arch Pe The world of London's 4,500 9.50 Breaking Point A couple put the painful memories of the past behind them and start alresh (1)-(236999) 10.30 Newsnight (166951)

11.15 Prison Weekly Colette Kershaw reveals the problems facing inmates at the mother-and-beby unit inside Styal Women's Prison in Cheshire (504086) 11.45 Building Sights, USA The Nicole restaurant in Los Angeles (774319)

11,55 Weather (921390) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (87100) 12.20am Leerning Zone: Edwine Currie (6884013) 12.45 Leaders and Dictators: Carter and Reagan (1) (3608182) 1.35 Medieval Realms: Magna Carta (8446988) 2.00 Religious Education (38655) 4.00 Italianisarrio (94655) 5.00

### HTV

6,00am GMTV (2052628) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (1555425) 9,55 Regional News (7308067) 10.00 The Time, the Place (67951) 10.30 This Morning (T) (97890357)

12.20pm Regional News (9799048) 12.30 News (1) and weather (5696970) **12.55 Shortland Street** (5671681) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (73917222) **1.50** Quileine (T) (99281311) **2.20** Countdown to Christmas (T) (45461406) 2.50 Vanessa (T) (4318357)

3.20 News (T) (9163375) 3.25 Regional News (5356336)

3.30 Tots: TV (2430425) 3.46 The Singing Kettle News (8579067) 3.50 Winnie the Pooh (1087048) 4.20 Neil's Art Attack Scrapbook (3609222) 4.45 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (2976932) 5.10 WALES: Primetime Diary (T) (9665241)

5.10 No Naked Flames Experience (9665241) 5.40 News (T) and weather (671767) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (26)

8.25 Regional Weather (721883) 6.30 Regional News (86) 7.00 Emmerdale (1) (5864) 7,30 Coronation Street Jon makes an announcement (T) (70)

8,00 Des O'Connor Tonight With Victoria
Wood, Janet Jackson, Lee Evans, Ben



Bill and John Reitf (9.00pm)

Twins: The Divided Self A documentary on twins that aims to pose profound questions about all human behaviour (1) (2241) 10.00 News; National Lottery Result and weather (47512)

10.30 Regional News (571999) 10.40 WALES: Top Sport (631680) 11.40 WALES: Movie Show Special (992628) 12.10am WALES: Tropical Heat (9717636) 10.40 No Way Out (1987) US naval officer Tom Fameli (Kevin Costner) gets out of his depth when he becomes involved with a

itician's mistress during a posting to the Pentagon. Also with Gene Hackman and Sean Young. Directed by Roger Donaldson (T) (28433425) 12 50em Movie Club (3769810) 1.20 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (r)

1.45 Murder by Night (1989) With Robert Urich and Kay Lenz. An amnesia sufferes discovers he is the sole witness to a savage serial killer's latest murder. Directed by Paul Lynch (645433) 3.20 ITV at the Belfort Festival (8815907)

(4857655)

4.10 Coach (79277985) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (79314704) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (99520) 5.30 News (82665)

# CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (5671661) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9685241) 5,59-6.00 Air Watch (569970) 6.25 Central News (820593) 6.55-7.00 Lifeline (769203)

12.50em Film: Bite the Bullet (1975). A western adventure starring Gene Hackman, James Cobum and Candice Bergen. Directed by Richard Brooks (87365297)

3.10 The Mysterious West (85222278) 3.40 The Good Sex Guide Late (6951029) 4.35 Central Jobfinder '97 (6724704) 5.20 Asian Eye (4720365)

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1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (87339244) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9685241) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (58116)

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6.00 Meridian Tonight (26) 6.30-7.00 Put it to the Test (86) 10.40 The Pier (950311) 11.05 The Listings (701203) 11.10 Highlander (693680) 12.10em Merkilan Masterclass (9717636)

5,00 Freescreen (99520) Spoul. As HTV West except: 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (9701883)

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9.00 Schools: Making Sense of Science (24661) 9.30 Good Health (T) (9067048) 9.45 Book Box (T) (9075203) 10.00 Stage Two Science (T) (9584932) 10.15 Rat-a-Tat-Tat (9507883) 10.30 Geographical Eye (T) (6633661) 10.50 Stop, Look, Listen (T) (2906593) 11.00 First Edition IV (1705932) 11.15 The Mix

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3.30 Collectors' Lot Lois Maxwell, better known as Miss Moneypenny, provides a guided tour of a James Bond collection and First World War mementoes (T) (64) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (99) 4.30 Countdown (T) (2986319) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (5365845) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (35)

6.00 Gamesmaster (3/10) (T) (48) 6.30 Roseanne: No Talking Becky plays the rebellious teenager and refuses to talk to her mum (r) (1) (28)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (674932) 7.50 Writing about Art (625680)

8.00 Brookside How will Susannah react to Jacqui's announcement? Ben and Mike come to an agreement (T) (2154)

8.30 The Real Holiday Show Gaby Roslin introduces reports from Ibiza where an HIV-positive woman and her daughter's holiday is shattered by the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, the Caribbean island Margarita; and Yorkshire (T) (1661)

9.00 Secret Lives: Margot Forneym — Prime Ballerina Assoluta. The truth behind the serene façade of the supreme ballerina (T)



Zeta Jones and Pertwee (10.00pm)

10.00 Blue Juice (1994) Sean Pertwee Catherine Zela Jones and Ewan McGregor star in this comedy drama set among the Comish surfing community. Directed by Carl Prechezer (T) (599796) 11.50 The Raspberry Ripple Awards The portrayals of disabled people in the media (539203)

12.25am Under the Moon Sports magazine presented by Danny Kelly and Tom Binns 4.30 Lumberjacks OKI (r) (24758)

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8.00 Instant Gardens William Van Hage and the team continue to tackle an inner-city roof terrace (5674154) 8.30 5 News (T) (5653661)



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Fifa formula leaves anxious Hoddle fearing 'group of death' in World Cup draw

# Hopes recede as England take pot luck

walked off the stage. One after another, Sepp Blatter, Lennart Johansson and Michel Platini descended the steps into the sea of cameramen and lights. Behind them, two officials took the replica of the World Cup off the table and packed it in bubble-wrap. And then, in the conference hall at the Palais de Congres, the agonising over England's fate began.

Some minutes earlier, Blatter, the general secretary of the world governing body, had confirmed the worst fears of Glenn Hoddle, the coach, and legions of England supporters when he revealed that the failure to qualify for the 1994 finals had effectively cost them the chance to be numbered among the top seeds in France

As expected, Brazil, France, Germany, Argentina, Italy. Spain, Holland and Romania were placed in that privileged category. To make matters worse for England, the system that Fifa will use to make the draw here tomorrow raises the uncomfortable prospect of Hoddle's team finding itself pitched into a "group of death", condemned to a grim struggle against three highlyrated teams just to make the

Fifa calculated the top seeds on a complex formula based on a combination of performances in the past three World Cup finals and its own world rankings over the past two years. England finished joint ninth with Bulgaria. The decisive element was the column that registered zero for 1994." Keith Cooper, the Fifa director of communications.

Their omission, coupled remaining 24 teams into three what comes. I do know that

bunches based on geographical considerations, but pre-cludes any of the eight groups including more than two European teams - means that the bad luck of the draw could place England with Brazil, Croatia and Nigeria, with only

two teams able to qualify. The permutations, though, are endless. At the more optimistic end of the scale lies the possibility that England — or Scotland — could be drawn with Romania, the weakest of the seeds. Jamaica and Iran.

As the repercussions of the seedings were examined and re-examined — and moments of levity amid the furrowing of

England are planning an international match against the United States as part of their five-game build-up to the World Cup finals next year. Subject to the teams not being grouped together in the World Cup draw tomorrow. they will play in Washington on March 24 or 25. Croatia are also keen to play England and are among around thirty pos-sible opponents that the FA has been considering.

brows were sought concecting a group comprising Argenti-na, England, the United States and Iran - it gradually beoutcome might be a happy medium that saw England drawn with one strong team and two weaker ones.

"I am a great believer in whatever will be, will be," Hoddle said. "Whoever we get, we will handle the cards we have been dealt. We had a tough qualifying group and we won it, so there is no reason. the draw - which divides the downhearted. We will take

turn up in Marseilles, they will be saying: Let's hope we avoid England.

"I will not lose any sleep if we are pitched in with Brazil. Whether we beat them or lose to them, we will have two other group games and then we would not have to play them again until the final. It would be an advantage if Brazil were in our group. What we do not really want, though, is Brazil, Croatia and Nigeria. We do not want a group of death' situation.

The only thing that is strange and needs to be readjusted is that a team [Italy] who ... have got in the back door via the play-offs should be seeded. That situation has crept up on Fifa but it is not a surprise to me that we have not been seeded. It has been decided on us not getting there in 94. Just let's make sure we never fail to qualify for a World Cup again and suffer in

England, who will make nearly £4 million in Fifa increments if they progress to the final, were also left without any hint about where they might play their three group games, only that they will each be at a different venue.

Platini, a member of the organising committee, made it clear that he had wanted geographical considerations again to be taken into account so that Spain, for instance, would be placed in a group whose matches were played in venues in the south and west of France, such as Toulouse and Bordeaux (group B), and not Paris and Lens (group F). recommendations. though, had been ignored. "If we allocate teams to specific



Blatter, the Fifz general secretary, reveals Brazil as one of the eight seeds for the World Cup finals next summer. Watching him yesterday is Cooper

would not be much of a draw

That also raises the possibility of England having to play a match either in Saint-Etienne or Nantes, the only two of the ten World Cup stadiums still to have perimeter fencing. In Nantes, it is the mayor who bjects to dismantling them: in Saint-Etienne, it is the chief

Take the fences away and people are not aggressive." Blatter said. "Fans become ggressive because they are behind bars. It is prisoners and wild animals who should he behind bars."

A few hours after he spoke, Fifa sources revealed that the English and Italian football associations would be fined dent of Uefa, the European their qualifying tie in Rome on governing body, said, "there October II, a punishment that

amounts to two slaps on the

wrist.

Hoddle, though, boosted by
the news that Sol Campbell would not be suspended for the first group game, ended on a note of overriding optimism, stressing that the World Cup would be a chance for England's young players such as Paul Scholes and David Beckham to make their name and become world superstars". The pressure was not on them, Hoddle said, but on more experienced players such as David Seaman, Alan Shearer and Paul Gascoigne.

The world will know they are coming," he said. The amnesty over yellow cards in the qualifying campaign will also allow John player, to play in Scotland's

the World Cup draw ceremoa re-enactment of the draw in Las Vegas four years ago, when João Havelange, the prominent members of the Fifa administration to bar Pele from the stage, the finest living footballer will be ab-sent again. Pelé will be in Marseilles, but plans to watch the draw on television from a hotel room two mimites from

"We are desperately hoping the old man will embrace Pele and invite him in." one Flfa insider said. However, Pele, having allowed himself to be talked into sitting in the audience in Las Vegas on a spousors' ticket, is too dignified for that to happen a

The problem between Havelange, 81, and Pelé involves family and sports poli-tics. Pelé is Minister for Sport in Brazil, where Ricardo Teixeira, the son-in-law of Havelange, heads the football Havelange has never forgiven the fact that I told the truth about Teixeira," Pelé said yesterday. "It's very sad, but I have a duty to speak against corruption." Teixeira denied the allegations at the time, but

took no further action. Before the 1994 draw, Pele had given a detailed account

# Pele suffers repeat of snub at World Cup ceremony

allegations that Teixeira profited personally by switchng a television contract. More recently, Pelé has drafted a bill for the Brazilian Congress that would allow clubs to form their own eagues and to break from the federation. The former player, who graced four World Cups and was on the winning side in two World Cup finals, has a to clean up corruption.

He cites the protection by the federation, the CBF, of elite clubs. Put simply, they are not allowed to fail. They can finish in the relegation zone, but not go down. Rules are bent, leagues are restructured, so that Sao Paulo in 1990. Gremio in 1992 and spared the drop after finishing bottom.

It appears that Havelange whose word in Fifa has been law since 1974, has no oppo-nents within the executive who dare intervene. Fifa statutes encourage him to do this because they state that no individual can take to law the authority of a football association or federation.

"It is farcical," a former Fila the greatest player the game has known and the best ambassador and through one man's spite, he is prevented from his rightful place at the table. I just hope Pele remains strong, because these overblown affairs are belittled without him." They are indeed.

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# Injuries limit chance for change

FOR all the brave words from the England management, many of them totally justified, after a draw and two defeats they are faced with an intractable problem when they name today the XV to play New Zealand at Twickenham on Saturday. They know what their prime candidates can offer and it does not match the weight of shot that the All

Blacks bring with them. No one should expect that and, in their heart of hearts, the team management will have acknowledged it. Instead they must compose a team that is as competitive as it can possibly be — and Lawrence Dallaglio, the captain, will not let it be anything else — and which remains faithful to Clive Woodward's ambitions

for a wider game. There is no point in a damage limitation exercise, partly because England do not have the armoury for that either. They must go out and play in the New Zealander's faces, as they did at Old Trafford and as Ireland and Wales did in their respective internationals, but they must also recover the sense of discipline that slipped at Twickenham last week against South Africa: they

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to the All Blacks, but there is ankle ligaments, trained yesno point in conceding the moral ground too. Their options are limited by injury - to Mike Catt, Tony

Diprose and Tim Rodber, for example - and the fact that such players as Adedayo Adebayo, Tim Stimpson and Mark Regan played in the A team against the New Zealanders at Leicester last night, suggests that they will not be asked to start at Twickenham. It is not clear what Adebayo has done to earn demotion after starting against both Australia and New Zealand and being replaced by Austin Healey on both occasions.

Nick Mallett, the South Africa coach, expressed his admiration for Adebayo and the Bath player remains the most potent finisher in club rugby; he does not have quite the edge of speed one would wish in an international wing. there is no one obviously better. John Bentley, his replacement against South Africa, was also taken off in the second half so that remains an area for considerable Phil de Glanville, who

Africa because of damaged

missed the match with South

terday and deserves a recall,

not only on previous form but

for the experience he brings. Nick Greenstock enjoyed as

good a match as he could have

hoped for in his stead, quite

apart from scoring England's

mixture in midfield enforced

by the absence of Catt. De

Glanville is entitled to a

Paul Grayson, the most experienced fly half available,

is the only option as Catt's replacement which creates the

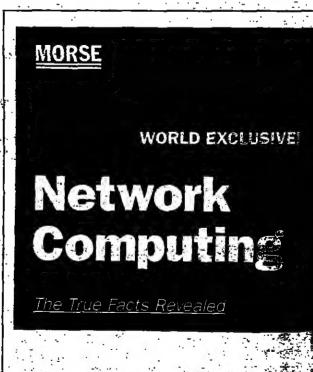
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Dawson, his club partner, to

remain, even if Kyran Brack-en has recovered from his shoulder injury. Grayson adfavoured his rivals - Catt and Alex King — but he has suffered in the same way himself: "I was injured at the end of last season, so it's a case of swings and roundabouts,"

"I started the season as third choice, coming back from injury, I was playing at full back and centre as well as fly half so I didn't have any right to expect to be top of the pile. But with the situation that has developed, it would be an exciting prospect to play against New Zealand."

That is the attitude the selectors must depend upon, players enthused at the pros pect of competing with the best. Changes in the pack are likely to be minimal, the recall of Martin Johnson after susone; that will add stability to the set pieces though it will also bring iron to All Black punch on Justin Marshall that caused them such anguish at Old Trafford. His presence in England's ranks will add the final touch to New Zealand's



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